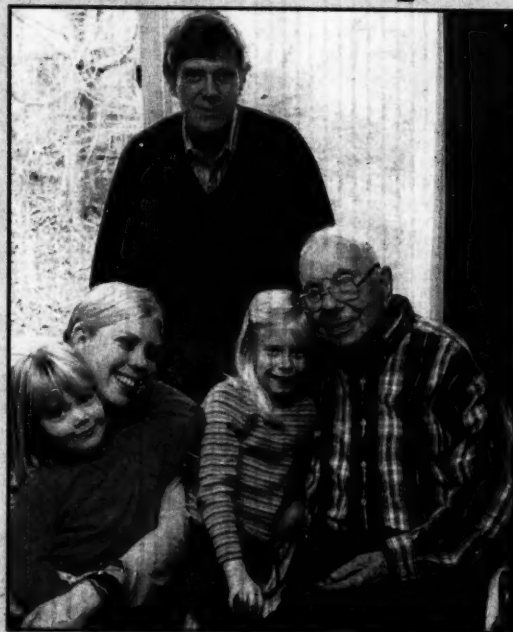


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A century of memories



Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

Generations — Walter Whitley with son Paul, great-granddaughters Brenna and Regan Miner (left and third from left) and granddaughter Layne Whitley.

WW I, a president's funeral and Haley's Comet — twice

By Neil Fater

The memories of an entire century are captured in the mind of Walter Whitley — great, historic memories of the first World War and of man walking on the moon. Or better memories, such as an afternoon spent with his late wife, Ethel.

Born in 1900, Walter Whitley has been around for every year of the 20th Century. As an air-raid warden during World War I, he tossed pebbles at people's windows so they would shut off their lights.

"He's seen Haley's Comet — twice. He's seen (President) Harding's funeral," says his son, Paul Whitley, of Virginia Road. "A year ago, he would have talked your ear off."

That is no longer the case. Walter is more quiet than in years past, although it's clear

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She built a good life, on hard work

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Sara (Mandel) Zimmerman is a living symbol of another time and place, a way of living unfamiliar to many today.

Raised on a farm in Hungary, Zimmerman came to the United States in 1922, and lived in New York City for many years.

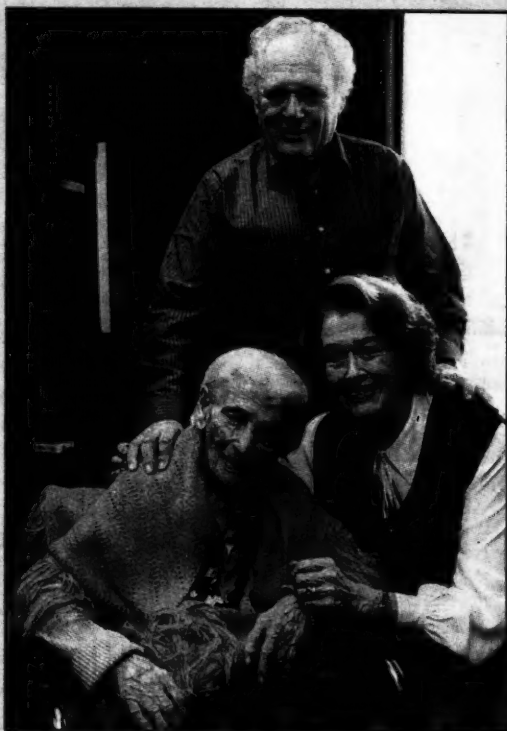
Zimmerman, 99, now resides at Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover. Family members include her nephew, Milton Paige of Nashua, N.H., who with his fiancée, Valerie Hoffman, regularly visit her.

Paige and Hoffman visited with Zimmerman last week, and helped tell some stories of her life to the *Townsmen*.

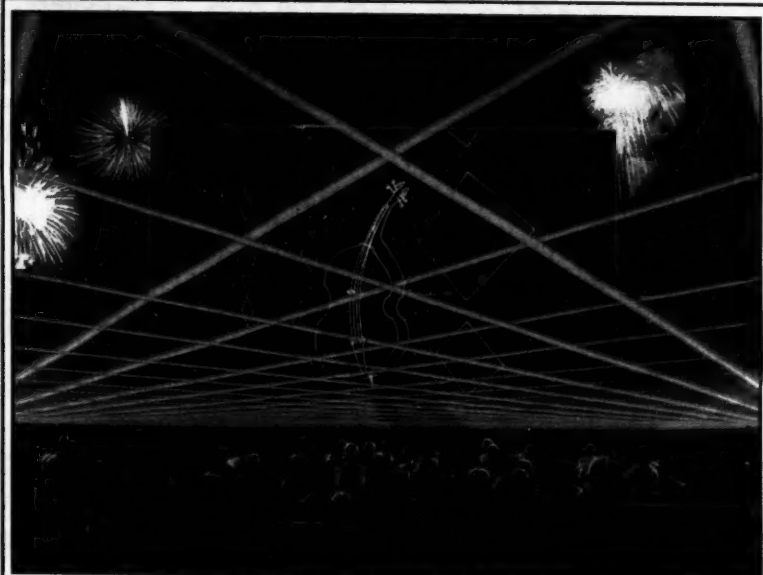
Zimmerman has lived in New York City, California and New Jersey before coming to Andover.

Her grandfather raised a family by running a farm and a tavern. The second oldest of eight children, in her younger years she worked on the family farm. They picked grapes and cherries, and tended to cows,

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Family is best — Sara Zimmerman, with nephew Milton Paige and his fiancée, Valerie Hoffman.



The future is now — A laser light show, produced by AVI of Orlando, Fla., will be one of the featured events at the Andover 2000 Millennium celebration tomorrow evening starting at 4 p.m. For a full report and a schedule of events, see Arts and Entertainment, page 23.

Construction plans are everywhere Let's start building

By Neil Fater

In 1999, as the world looked to the future, Andover planned for it, creating or approving a number of construction designs meant to prepare the town for the next century.

But 1999 was more a year of construction thought and planning, than action and building. Many of the plans designed,

approved or discussed this year will not be built until 2000 or beyond.

For instance, Town Meeting approved \$12.9 million to build a new downtown safety center for the police and fire departments. However, no safety center shovel hit the ground in 1999.

Residents at 1999 Town Meet-

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Environment takes center stage in '99 In praise of air, water

By Rebecca Lipchitz

From air quality to food safety, from trash disposal to beavers, Andover residents have faced a variety of public health and environmental issues in 1999.

And while residents have had a crash course in the environmental impact of a power plant, the major lesson learned on all fronts was that there is more and more to learn.

Many Andover residents fought the proposed construction of a 750-megawatt, natural-gas power plant in next-door Dracut, citing air quality, noise and water consumption as reasons to turn it down.

When it comes to trash disposal, air quality and mercury levels in the region's water bodies have prompted battles over the NESWC incinerator in North Andover.

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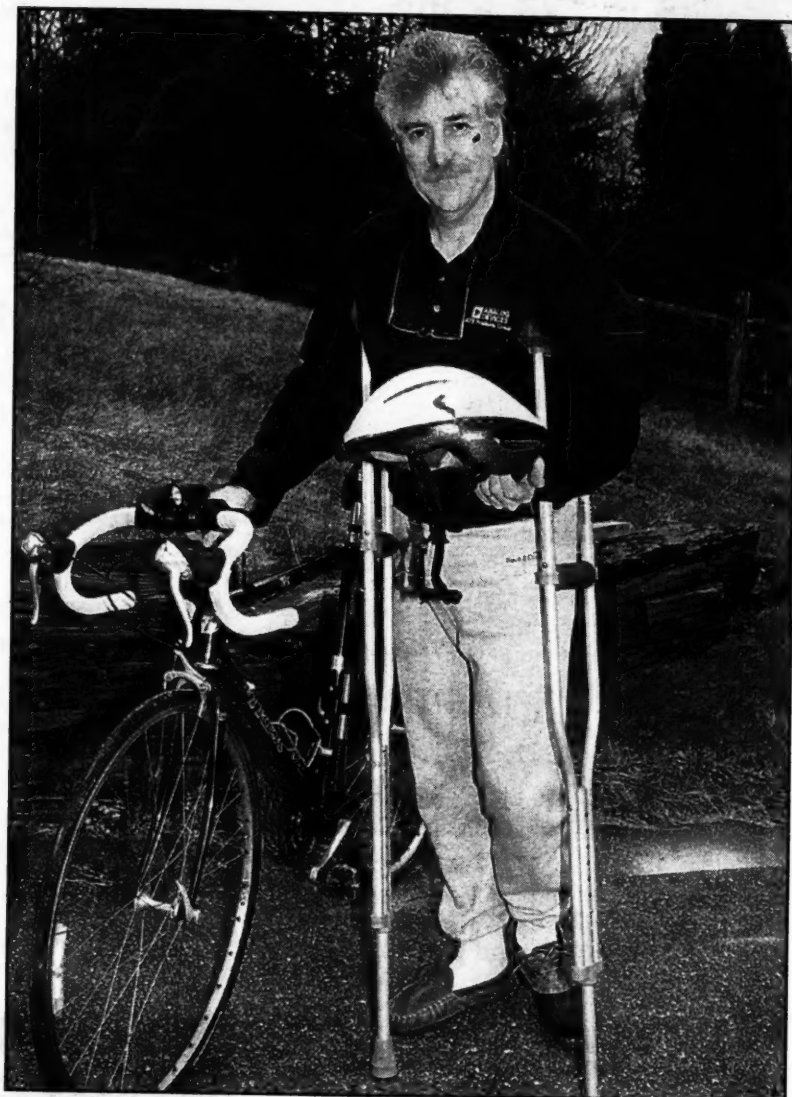


Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Banged up, but still here — Steve Cohen shows off his bike, and the helmet that he says definitely saved his life in a fall a couple of weeks ago.

A good head for safety

Steve Cohen wasn't exactly lobbying to become the poster boy for bicycle-helmet safety.

But one broken hip and scraped face later, he figures that's one way to make something positive out of what was otherwise a very lousy event.

If you don't use a helmet while biking, he says, just listen to his story.

The Old Berry Road resident, who has been commuting by bike to work at Analog Devices in Wilmington for the past several years, says he started doing it just to get in shape, since it was essentially impossible to cram a workout into his day otherwise, "and hey, it was worth a couple of chocolate-chip cookies a day."

Everything had been going fine. He was riding even in the dead of winter, and found that "people really treat you pretty well on the back roads."

But then, it was how the back road treated him a couple of Tuesdays ago that was the problem. "It's still pretty fresh in my

mind — and on my face," he says.

"I was checking the weather (in the morning). I wasn't all that concerned about ice, but I was interested whether it was going to rain on the way home," he says. "But then, I always carry rain gear anyway."

"What I should have been paying attention to was that there was ice all over the car, and there were sliding accidents being reported on the highways."

But off he went on two wheels. Cohen says he made it past South School on Woburn Street with no problem, and was coming into Wilmington on Andover Street. "I had just crested the hill," he says, "and I was coming down doing about 25 miles an hour and whack, the tires just went out from under me and I was on my left side watching the inside of my helmet as my face slid along the ground."

By the time he stopped, "I knew I was hurt," he says, but was at least able to crawl off the

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Beware of Y2K scams

The Andover Veterans Services office has released the following information about Y2K scams. Do not be fooled by anyone who:

1. Claims to be a bank officer or examiner and asks you for your account number, date of birth, Social Security number or PIN number to "verify" or "confirm" that your accounts are Y2K compliant.

2. Claims to be a bank officer and tells you that to be safe you need to transfer your money to a special Y2K bond fund/account.

3. Claims to be a credit card company employee who tells you that your credit cards will not work after Jan. 1, 2000 unless you get a special magnetic strip and to get the strip you need to tell him/her your card number, your Social Security number and your mother's

maiden name.

4. Claims that some currency denominations such as \$20 bills which were printed before a certain date will not be valid after Jan. 1 2000, and must be exchanged for a new type of currency.

Each of these scams has already worked on unsuspecting citizens in eastern Massachusetts — do not fall for them. If you are approached or contacted by anyone using the above schemes or similar scams immediately call the Andover police, your bank or the Attorney General's hotline at 1-617-727-8400.

Heart drive begins

The American Heart Association (AHA) is kicking off its annual Hearts in Bloom flower-selling campaign with a reminder that this year, 250,000 Americans are expected to die of sudden cardiac arrest. The AHA estimates that up

to 100,000 of these deaths can be prevented if people followed three steps: 1. Know the warning signs of heart attack and stroke; 2. Call 911 in a medical emergency; 3. Give CPR.

To help prevent needless deaths, the AHA and Hearts in Bloom corporate sponsor Eastern Connection encourage citizens to "Be An American Heart-saver." People can join in the fight against heart disease and stroke by reducing their risks, responding immediately during an emergency, and learning the lifesaving skill of CPR.

AHA is again teaming up with Hearts in Bloom Honorary Chairperson Natalie Jacobson of NewsCenter 5 and Eastern Connection express parcel service. Eastern Connection will provide pro bono deliveries of thousands of bouquets in time for Valentine's Day.

Call the AHA office at 800-662-1701, Ext. 3118 and register to be a Hearts in Bloom coordinator.

Web poll results

Last week's question on the Townsman's Web page was, **Five Andover High School students accused of setting fire to an athletic field in the shape of a swastika were suspended for three days and have been banned for the year from participation in school athletics. Do you think the school's disciplinary action was appropriate?**

With 38 online readers responded, half of them (19) thought the punishment was too lenient. Those who thought it appropriate were a close second at 42 percent, or 16 votes. Only three, or 8 percent, thought it was too harsh.

This week's question is: **Do you agree with selectmen that the town should pay for its new public safety center and new schools with "debt-exemption" overrides of Prop 2½, or by overriding limits on the operating budget?**

Surf to www.andovertownsmen.com and cast your vote.

Quote, unquote . . .

"I've learned that if there is ice on the car, then there is ice on the road."

Steve Cohen, who suffered a hip fracture when he fell off his bike on an icy road while commuting to work. Cohen, who says he tries to learn something on every ride, says his bicycle helmet saved his life.

"It feels like strong-arming. (We should) give people the option if they want to vote for both."

Selectman Brian Major, arguing in favor of separate votes to override Prop 2½ to pay for a new public safety center and new schools.

"Just batteries, but even that isn't much more than normal."

CVS Pharmacy manager Steve Withee, asked if there was a rush on any products in the store, in advance of New Year's Day. Withee said the only thing that was really busy was the pharmacy counter.

NEWS CALENDAR

Monday, January 3

Board of Selectmen, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 4

School Committee, School Committee room, School Administration Building, executive session, 6:30 p.m., regular meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, January 5

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 2 p.m.

Design Advisory Group, first-floor conference room, Town Offices, 8 p.m.

Ballardvale Historic District Commission, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

School Committee, Superintendent's conference room, School Admin-

istration Building, executive session, 4:30 p.m.

School Building Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 6:30 p.m.

Strategic Planning Task Force, School Committee room, School Administration Building, 7 p.m.

Greater Lawrence Technical School, 57 River Road, cafeteria, clerical and professional negotiating subcommittees, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 6

Board of Health, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 6 p.m.

Board of Appeals, second floor, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

Ballardvale/Lowell Junction Road Area Traffic Task Force, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Commission on Disabilities, activity room, lower level, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

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without them."

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Cohen says he tries to learn something from every experience. Right now, he's learning about what it is like to be disabled. "Did you know you can't carry a cup of coffee when you're on crutches?" he says.

And another thing. "I've learned that if there is ice on the car, then there is ice on the road," he says.

— Taylor Armerding

Sgt. Edson completes command training



Sgt. Richard M. Edson

Andover Police Sgt. Richard M. Edson was among 37 law enforcement officials to complete a three-week Command Training Program on Dec. 17, held at the New England Institute of Law Enforcement Management at

Babson College and sponsored by the New England Association of Chiefs of Police.

The training program teaches effective management practices to command officers. It concentrates on the operational aspects of the command officers' responsibilities, including problem-solving, community policing and leadership.

"The various programs deal with serving the leaders of today while preparing the leaders of tomorrow," explained Gerald F. Burke, director of the New England Institute. The Institute's faculty is drawn from col-

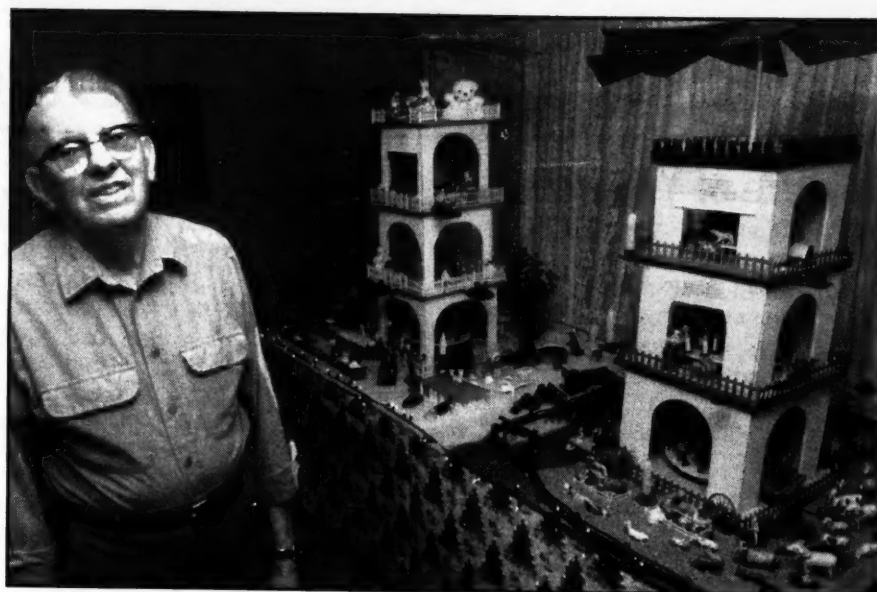


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Spanning the century — This traditional German Christmas display, called a Perimeter, was passed down from Frank Stowers' father-in-law Oscar Weller. Stowers built the newer part, on the left, for his son. Stowers almost spans the century himself, at 88 years old.

leges and universities including Babson, Bentley and Brandeis, as well as the business and law enforcement professions.

The program offers courses in community relations, decision-making, planning, staffing and other management and human relations subjects. More than 8,000 law enforcement officers from all the New England states and beyond have completed courses at Babson since the program began in 1967. Burke, retired major of the Massachusetts State Police, is director of the New England Institute.

A holiday display for the century

There probably aren't any Christmas trees that have been preserved

for most of the past century.

But an Andover man has a traditional German Christmas display called a Perimeter, built by his father-in-law, since it was built in 1910.

Frank Stowers, of Beech Circle, is now 88. His wife, Lina, died earlier this year and his son lives on the West Coast, and is a senior member of the Lawrence Livermore Labs.

But the Perimeter, a three-level structure with scenes and displays on each level, set up in his home, would still delight the heart of any child. It is now double what it was when Oscar Weller, his father-in-law, first built it.

"He built it for his son, Oscar K. Weller," says Stowers, "and then I built another side for my son, Irving

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Royal treatment — Andover's Wilda Gerideau Squires, selected Mrs. Essex County 2000 at the Topsfield Fair, was a featured participant in the recent 1999 Beverly Christmas Parade. Squires represents the county, the fair, the Essex Agricultural Institute and the Essex County 4-H organization at various county-wide civic activities and functions.

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F. Stowers, in 1946.

The original side of the Perimeter has a roundup scene on the first level, with cowboys and Indians driving animals into a corral. There is also a ranch scene, with a square dance and a bowling alley. On another level is a scene with toy soldiers, and on another is a winter scene.

On the side that he built, Stowers starts at the base level with a classic car rally, a diner and a frozen pond with birds.

As originally built, the Perimeters had 12 candles — four on each level, that would turn a fan mounted on the top, and make the whole display go around.

"That's too much fire today," Stowers says, so he has a little electric motor that makes it go around.

He says he hopes to pass the Perimeter on to his own son, in the hopes that it will survive well into the next century. "But it's quite a job to set it up," he says, "and it would be quite a job to get it out to the West Coast. You'd have to pack it all up and then drive it out. If you shipped it, there wouldn't be much left of it."

— Taylor Armerding

Let's override, say selectmen

By Neil Fater

Selectmen have agreed unanimously on how Andover should pay for both its approved public safety center and the two new schools it will seek at Town Meeting 2000 — with debt exemption overrides of Proposition 2½.

But, saying they don't want to "strong-arm" residents, selectmen are supporting two separate debt exemption votes, one for each project.

If Town Meeting 2000 supports the two new schools, this means residents would see a ballot after Town Meeting with two questions on it. One would ask if they want to pay for the bulk of the safety center with a debt-exemption override, and another question would ask about the two schools.

Selectmen say they don't want to link the schools and safety center votes together, forcing residents to make an all-or-nothing debt-exemption decision.

When Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski asked selectmen last week "Why wouldn't you want to do it in one fell swoop?" both Mary French and Brian Major agreed, "It feels like strong-arming."

"I'm very much opposed to combining," says Major. "(We should) give people the option if they want to vote for both."

The town voted to pay for a new safety center at 1999 Town Meeting. However, without a debt exemption, the project will be funded out of the annual operating budgets.

If Andover officials have a joint New Year's resolution for 2000, it's to find the

best way to pay for the expensive projects they want to build, while still leaving enough cash for the growing annual operating budgets.

That is why selectmen are supporting two debt exemption overrides.

Partial payment

As what Selectman Larry Larsen describes as a "symbolic" token of fiscal discipline, selectmen say they do not want to see the entire cost of the safety center paid through a debt exemption.

Over the next five years, board members say they want to use operating budget funds to pay back the approximately \$2 million for preliminary designs that has already been borrowed over five years.

The safety-center debt exemption would cover the remaining \$10.9 million in construction costs.

"Basically, it's political," says Larsen. "I think the man or woman on the street would feel the town is paying its way the best it can and it would also show some modicum of discipline."

"I'd like to see us be cautious and pay for some of this as we go. It's a symbolic gesture," he says.

Selectmen say they will hear more about the safety center plans Jan. 3.

They and other town officials know that a number of other financial decisions are still necessary because of growing yearly budgets.

"If we do an override, there may be other areas where we really need to tighten our belts on the town side and on the school side," says Major.

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without them."

The helmet isn't even top-of-the-line," he says, but it did what it was supposed to do.

Cohen says he tries to learn something from every experience. Right now, he's learning about what it is like to be disabled. "Did you know you can't carry a cup of coffee when you're on crutches?" he says.

And another thing. "I've learned that if there is ice on the car, then there is ice on the road," he says.

— Taylor Armerding

Sgt. Edson completes command training



Sgt. Richard M. Edson

Andover Police Sgt. Richard M. Edson was among 37 law enforcement officials to complete a three-week Command Training Program on Dec. 17, held at the New England Institute of Law Enforcement Management at

Babson College and sponsored by the New England Association of Chiefs of Police.

The training program teaches effective management practices to command officers. It concentrates on the operational aspects of the command officers' responsibilities, including problem-solving, community policing and leadership.

"The various programs deal with serving the leaders of today while preparing the leaders of tomorrow," explained Gerald F. Burke, director of the New England Institute. The Institute's faculty is drawn from col-



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Spanning the century — This traditional German Christmas display, called a Perimeter, was passed down from Frank Stowers' father-in-law Oscar Weller. Stowers built the newer part, on the left, for his son. Stowers almost spans the century himself, at 88 years old.

leges and universities including Babson, Bentley and Brandeis, as well as the business and law enforcement professions.

The program offers courses in community relations, decision-making, planning, staffing and other management and human relations subjects. More than 8,000 law enforcement officers from all the New England states and beyond have completed courses at Babson since the program began in 1967. Burke, retired major of the Massachusetts State Police, is director of the New England Institute.

A holiday display for the century

There probably aren't any Christmas trees that have been preserved

for most of the past century.

But an Andover man has a traditional German Christmas display called a Perimeter, built by his father-in-law, since it was built in 1910.

Frank Stowers, of Beech Circle, is now 88. His wife, Lina, died earlier this year and his son lives on the West Coast, and is a senior member of the Lawrence Livermore Labs.

But the Perimeter, a three-level structure with scenes and displays on each level, set up in his home, would still delight the heart of any child. It is now double what it was when Oscar Weller, his father-in-law, first built it.

"He built it for his son, Oscar K. Weller," says Stowers, "and then I built another side for my son, Irving

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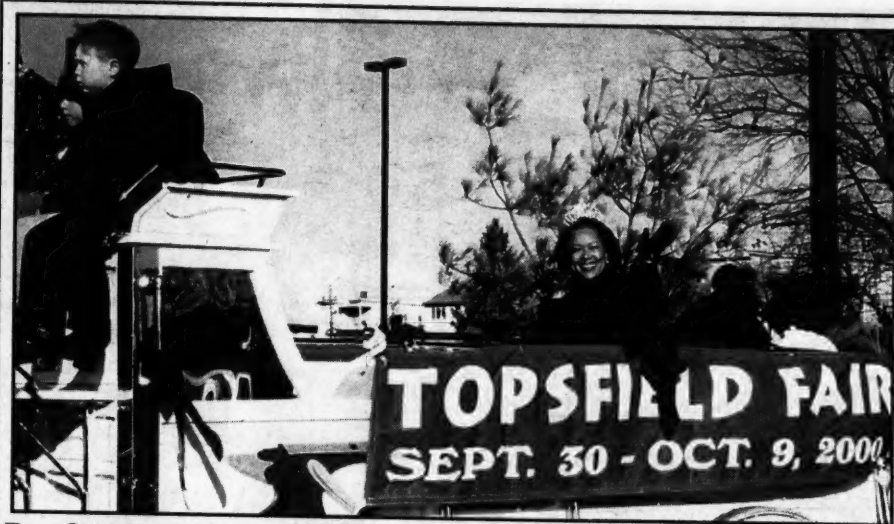
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Royal treatment — Andover's Wilda Gerideau Squires, selected Mrs. Essex County 2000 at the Topsfield Fair, was a featured participant in the recent 1999 Beverly Christmas Parade. Squires represents the county, the fair, the Essex Agricultural Institute and the Essex County 4-H organization at various county-wide civic activities and functions.

TOWN TALK

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F. Stowers, in 1946.

The original side of the Perimeter has a roundup scene on the first level, with cowboys and Indians driving animals into a corral. There is also a ranch scene, with a square dance and a bowling alley. On another level is a scene with toy soldiers, and on another is a winter scene.

On the side that he built, Stowers starts at the base level with a classic car rally, a diner and a frozen pond with birds.

As originally built, the Perimeters had 12 candles — four on each level, that would turn a fan mounted on the top, and make the whole display go around.

"That's too much fire today," Stowers says, so he has a little electric motor that makes it go around.

He says he hopes to pass the Perimeter on to his own son, in the hopes that it will survive well into the next century. "But it's quite a job to set it up," he says, "and it would be quite a job to get it out to the West Coast. You'd have to pack it all up and then drive it out. If you shipped it, there wouldn't be much left of it."

— Taylor Armerding

Let's override, say selectmen

By Neil Fater

Selectmen have agreed unanimously on how Andover should pay for both its approved public safety center and the two new schools it will seek at Town Meeting 2000 — with debt exemption overrides of Proposition 2½.

But, saying they don't want to "strong-arm" residents, selectmen are supporting two separate debt exemption votes, one for each project.

If Town Meeting 2000 supports the two new schools, this means residents would see a ballot after Town Meeting with two questions on it. One would ask if they want to pay for the bulk of the safety center with a debt-exemption override, and another question would ask about the two schools.

Selectmen say they don't want to link the schools and safety center votes together, forcing residents to make an all-or-nothing debt-exemption decision.

When Town Manager Buzz Staczynski asked selectmen last week "Why wouldn't you want to do it in one fell swoop?" both Mary French and Brian Major agreed, "It feels like strong-arming."

"I'm very much opposed to combining," says Major. "(We should) give people the option if they want to vote for both."

The town voted to pay for a new safety center at 1999 Town Meeting. However, without a debt exemption, the project will be funded out of the annual operating budgets.

If Andover officials have a joint New Year's resolution for 2000, it's to find the

best way to pay for the expensive projects they want to build, while still leaving enough cash for the growing annual operating budgets.

That is why selectmen are supporting two debt exemption overrides.

Partial payment

As what Selectman Larry Larsen describes as a "symbolic" token of fiscal discipline, selectmen say they do not want to see the entire cost of the safety center paid through a debt exemption.

Over the next five years, board members say they want to use operating budget funds to pay back the approximately \$2 million for preliminary designs that has already been borrowed over five years.

The safety-center debt exemption would cover the remaining \$10.9 million in construction costs.

"Basically, it's political," says Larsen. "I think the man or woman on the street would feel the town is paying its way the best it can and it would also show some modicum of discipline."

"I'd like to see us be cautious and pay for some of this as we go. It's a symbolic gesture," he says.

Selectmen say they will hear more about the safety center plans Jan. 3.

They and other town officials know that a number of other financial decisions are still necessary because of growing yearly budgets.

"If we do an override, there may be other areas where we really need to tighten our belts on the town side and on the school side," says Major.

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A time for healing

Most of the local reaction to the burning of a swastika on the grass of an Andover High School athletic field last month has been expressed in the heat of outrage.

But last Thursday evening in front of Old Town Hall, the mood was one of seeking to heal a community-wide hurt. More than 200 people, including a number of selectmen, members of the School Committee, state Rep. Barry Finegold and other local officials, gathered and stood quietly with candles in their hands, listening to several speakers or singing songs from the decades-old Civil Rights era — Bob Dylan's *Blowin' in the Wind*, and *We Shall Overcome*.

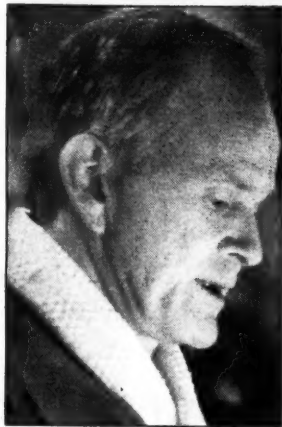
The vigil, organized by Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Temple Emanuel, was, in his words, an effort to "reaffirm the values of diversity and respect, qualities that we believe are the hallmarks of our town."

"Our presence reflects our commitment to living in a town where people have a reverence for diversity," he said. "In Andover, we celebrate our differences; we should never be made to feel afraid because of them."

The vigil took place exactly a month after the burning of the swastika. Three juvenile males, one aged 15 and two aged 16, along with two 17-year-olds, Keith Jackson and Paul Wysocki, have been arrested and charged in connection with the incident.

Goldstein thanked other members of the clergy, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and the Board of Selectmen for supporting the vigil, noting that they and others holding candles were filling the night "with the light of acceptance and love, respect for our fellow citizens, regardless of their race, or creed, or religion or nationality."

Rev. Cal Mutti of South Church also spoke, noting that while this is the darkest time of the year in the solar calendar, it is possible to banish the darkness of evil with the light of love and tolerance.



Rev. Cal Mutti — banish the darkness.

A group of high school students also came to the microphone, where AHS senior Kevin Haas said the group intended to try to "teach tolerance by being tolerant."

Rabbi Goldstein concluded by exhorting the group to pledge to "go forth into the night, into the next year, into the next century, and become vessels of peace. That each of us, Jew, Christian, Moslem, Buddhist, believers, non-believers, no matter how we define ourselves, that we will go forth imbued with a renewed enthusiasm to speak out against hatred and intolerance and bigotry."

"Tonight each of us becomes a bearer of light, a candle in the dark, representing hope, faith, and trust that we can make a difference, that we can give our children and theirs a better, safer and more peaceful world. May it be so. God bless you all," he said.



Photos by Carol Van Doren

Teaching tolerance — AHS senior Kevin Haas (in white hat) speaks for a group of students. They are flanked by vigil organizer Rabbi Robert Goldstein, left, and Selectman Brian Major, right.



Bitter memories — Helen Wertheimer, left, is among those for whom the swastika has an intensely personal meaning. She was born in Nazi Germany.

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With Y2K looming, no panic buying in Andover

With the Year 2000 less than three days away, some people may have been getting ready to head for the root cellar with a portable generator and survival gear, but there was little evidence of panic buying at local stores in Andover.

Wednesday morning, CVS manager Steve Withee said the only place in the store that was truly busy was the prescription counter. And that, he said, could probably be blamed on the president.

"I think Clinton went on TV," Withee said, "and recommended that people get their prescriptions filled before the weekend. So yes, that's been affected somewhat. The pharmacy has been tremendously busy."

But in other areas of the store, he said there has been no major rush on any specific products. "Just batteries," he said, "but even that isn't much more than normal."

While there were scattered

reports of items such as orange juice being cleaned off the shelves, Withee said the store hadn't been cleaned out of anything in particular. "No more than any week after Christmas," he said. "I think a lot of people are vacationing a little more than usual."

That seemed to be the case elsewhere in town as well. While an employee at the Wild Oats natural food market declined to be identified and would only say things were "a bit slow," Market Basket manager Matthew Matson said there had been a bit of a run on batteries and bottled water, but the store had managed to keep up with the

demand.

"People are wary of our future, unfortunately, but we haven't run out of anything," he said.

Matson said Market Basket will be open on Friday, New Year's Eve until 6 p.m., and on Saturday, New Year's Day until 6 p.m.

The only apparent buying spree Wednesday morning was going on at Barron's Country Store, on Haggetts Pond Road, where employee Kathleen Vickers, after consulting with a coworker, laughed, "they're lined up out the door."

She said the major items of choice were food, spring water and batteries.

Appeal to push it back

Kartell trial delayed

By Neil Fater

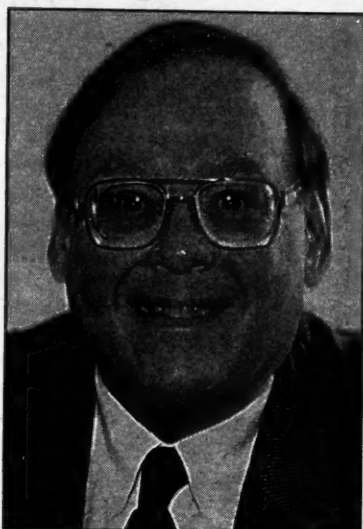
The murder trial of Dr. James Kartell will not begin in February, because Kartell is appealing a judge's decision requiring Kartell's marriage counselor to turn over Kartell's writings about his marriage.

Prosecutor Fred McAlary has said these writings may show Kartell has trouble dealing with his anger.

Kartell is charged with premeditated murder for shooting Janos Vajda, his estranged wife's fiancé, in the head and stomach after both men came to visit her at a room in Holy Family Hospital. Kartell, who worked at the hospital, is claiming self defense.

"Judge (Howard) Whitehead issued a ruling several weeks ago in our favor that he (Kartell) could not quash the subpoena for the (marriage counselor) records," says McAlary. "Since that time they have decided they are going to appeal this. What this does is push back any potential February trial."

Kartell's lawyer is doing an interlocutory appeal, which is an appeal to a single justice. If this appeal fails, he could appeal again to the full bench of the state Supreme Judicial Court.



Kartell — wants blood samples taken.

Meanwhile, at Kartell's request, the prosecution has drawn Kartell's blood so they can run tests on the clothing worn by both Vajda and Kartell.

"The defendant says its very important to him to know who's blood is where," says McAlary. "We don't think it's necessary and don't understand the need."

The next court date regarding this trial is scheduled for Jan. 19. McAlary says he hopes the appeal will be filed, and a schedule for the blood testing will be established by then.

Legislators, environmental officials to meet in preservation forum

Environmental officials and local legislators will meet Friday, Jan. 7 to discuss how to preserve the uniqueness of Andover, Dracut, Lawrence and Tewksbury at a forum sponsored by state agencies.

The forum is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Old Town Hall on Main Street, Andover.

The discussion will include issues such as how to balance growth and open space while preserving historic culture, and what agencies can help in this process.

Guests will include Bob Durand, state

secretary of Environmental Affairs; Jane Wallis Gumble, director of the Department of Housing and Community Development; and Carolyn Boviard, director of the Department of Economic Development.

Presentations will include "build-out maps" that show each community at maximum development.

The event is also sponsored by legislators including state Sen. Sue Tucker and state Rep. Barry Finegold, both of Andover.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

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Resolved, for 2000

Not that we're keeping score or anything, but a year ago this week, we suggested several New Year's resolutions in this space, based on priorities set by local officials and various interest groups.

Those resolutions called for significant progress in the following areas: A new public safety center, the downtown, a new senior center, new schools and a new skate park.

Well, three out of five isn't bad. While what to do about downtown still seems to be more mired in meetings than in new concrete, and the fund-raising effort for the senior center has apparently entered a long stealth phase, there has been real, measurable progress on the safety center and the schools, and a skate park is now a reality.

The momentum is strong enough on the safety center and the schools that, as long as voters are willing to dig into their wallets at Town Meeting, those are a done deal.

So, what about this year?

It will probably take a couple of weeks for Millennium mania to die down, but when it does, the reality will settle in that, while Y2K may indeed be a momentous event, we are still left at the local level with the same somewhat mundane question: How shall we best spend a new year that will probably be a lot like other years?

Based on the issues that have made the news in 1999, here are a few new suggestions. Most of them have more to do with relationships than buildings. Again, it's a short list. That way, it's a bit more realistic.

- **A youth center:** Yes, the town is already on a tear with new buildings. But this is not a new idea. It has been discussed for years. There are two plans on the table right now. Local officials and other interested groups should stop tiptoeing around one another, get together, agree on a plan and get it off the ground.

- **The arts:** As a new Arts and Entertainment section in the *Townsmen* has shown, you don't have to go to Boston to find quality artistic entertainment. There is a world-class classical music series here. There is high-level theater. There are good coffeehouses in the immediate area. Merrimack College has a brand-new performing arts center. Phillips Academy has a great art gallery. Resolve to get out and enjoy some of them.

- **Respect:** As recent events have shown, all of our talk of tolerance and peace doesn't always trickle down to our adolescent population. Resolve to be an example of real — not just selective — respect for others. And make your family relationships a priority. That's where the best teaching goes on.



Photo by Carol Van Doren

The lights of peace — More than 200 people gathered at Old Town Hall last Thursday night for an anti-hate vigil, organized by Rabbi Robert Goldstein in response to the burning of a swastika at an Andover High School athletic field. Here the group sings *We Shall Overcome*. Story, more photos on page 6.

Is Y2K really the new Millennium?

A bit more than a month ago, the *Townsmen* asked readers to weigh in on what is clearly the most important question of the new year. Is this the start of a new millennium or not?

There weren't too many responses. But we did get a variety of opinions, the best two of which are, as promised, reprinted below.

Now go out and have a party anyway.

Yes, it is, sort of

Dec. 31, 1999, marks the end of a fine millennium — the thousand years of the form 1xxx. It's a millennium. There were one thousand such years, starting with January 1, 1000, and ending with Dec. 31, 1999.

Those who insist the end of the millennium should be celebrated on December 31, 2000 should think about what their "millennium" really means. They say there wasn't a year 0.

This is correct. But, there wasn't a year 1 or 2 or 3, or even 500 until some time during the sixth century, when the Roman abbot Dionysius Exiguus decided it might be nice to count years from the birth of Christ. Therefore, the proponents of 12/31/2000 are defending it as the end of the second millennium since the birth of Christ.

Unfortunately, Dionysius got it wrong, and most experts agree that Christ was born in what is now called 4 B.C. If one wants to be extremely particular, it would have been better to have broken out the champagne a couple of years ago rather than insist on waiting yet another year to celebrate the end of a millennium that's well past.

Jerry Dallal
54 High Plain Road

No, it isn't, mathematically

The answer to the question of whether the year 2000 is the beginning of the new millennium is one of simple arithmetic.

The calendar that the world now accepts as standard is the Gregorian calendar, which was promulgated by Pope Gregory in 1582. That calendar has a number of features that are designed to keep our counting of days in synchrony with Earth's rotation about the sun.

It's not perfect in that endeavor, but it is better than the previous attempt, which was the Julian calendar, named after the Roman emperor Julius Caesar.

In the Gregorian calendar, the numbering of the years AD (anno domini or in the year of our lord) began with the year 1. Actually, the latest research indicates that the birth of Jesus of Nazareth was probably in the year 4 AD.

Today, in recognition of non-

Christian people having to use this calendar, the fashion is to call these years CE (Common Era), rather than AD. The year immediately preceding the year 1 CE was the year 1 BCE (Before the Common Era). Therefore, there was no year 0.

So, if the first year of the first millennium (CE) was number 1, the first year of the second millennium had to be 1 + 1000 = 1001. Therefore, the first year of the third millennium has to be 1001 + 1000 = 2001. Therefore, the year 2000 is not the first year of a new millennium but the last year of the old millennium.

I don't begrudge those people who want to have a huge party to celebrate that the coming year number begins with 20 rather than 19, but to call it the new millennium is simply and numerically incorrect.

Chris and Vicky Johnston
70 Salem St.

Letters

Zero tolerance doesn't work

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The following are my thoughts as I think about high-school students being one part of what high-school students are — and getting carried away as they burn up the grass.

I start from a premise that many would not agree with. I believe that rules serve two primary and equal functions: 1) establish the guidelines for acceptable behavior, and 2) establish the benchmarks to be used when common sense dictates the need for exceptions.

Therefore, it should be clear from the get-go that I do not believe in zero tolerance — any more than I can accept intolerance. Vandalism, though repugnant and just plain stupid, is a fact of life that will not go away no matter how draconian the punishment.

And so the punishment should "fit the crime" and in numerous senses — by being neither out of proportion, nor ineffective because it is inappropriate and unconstructive.

Hate is learned — and therefore unlearned. Youthful acts and expressions, especially those carried out by groups and in the excitement of the moment, often move beyond perspective and progress to excess. We only learn not to go too far, and what is too far, by the experience of our own lapses and through those of others. If learned early and when young, the acts themselves that cross the line will not do so by much.

We all have moments we are not proud of, moments we wish we could live over, moments that in retrospect and/or through time have become worse now than they were at the time.

I doodled swastikas in my notebooks as an early exercise in drawing — for which I had and still have no talent — well before a time when anyone would have thought to be offended by my doodles.

I had a lapse in judgment as waterfront director at a day camp in the heat of a group game that could have led to serious injury if an outside observer had not interceded.

I stopped drawing swastikas on my own, I had a very serious discussion with the camp director.

The problem with zero tolerance is that it makes no allowance for the human factors that are a part of all behavior, it leaves no room for creative and profitable response to the errors that none of us are exempt from — especially in a world where the rules — both written and moral — are themselves in constant flux.

Please, let the adults who have discretion and perspective, take appropriate action — not excessive and destructive action — that will punish but not further damage a few youths, almost adult, who clearly misbehaved quite stupidly (as they and their peers so often do) but

Andover C.A.R.E.S. offers help

Editor, *Townsmen*:

This is a holiday letter from Andover C.A.R.E.S. (Andover Community Advocates for Resources, Education and Support). This group and many others have worked to advocate for programs in the community for youths and families to reduce depression and suicide.

The death of a young person is very sad but when the cause is suicide, it is shocking. It is common knowledge that suicide is second only to accidents as the leading cause of death among young people today. The holiday season is a stressful time for families, and it is important to be aware of the signs of increasing depression and high risk factors for suicide in order to help one other stay safe.

The following are top risk factors for suicide in adolescents:

- drug and alcohol abuse;
 - prior suicide attempts;
 - mental illness (i.e. depression);
 - antisocial behavior, history of school problems;
 - family history of suicide;
 - availability of firearms (this has just been reconfirmed in a study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, November 1999);
 - issues regarding sexual orientation.
- One-third of all completed suicides are related to a lack of support and understanding of gay or lesbian issues).

These risk factors are statistical fact. As a community we must continue to build youth, elder and family programs that reduce these risks. Among others the following are important:

- full support of youth services and a center;
 - management of firearms — total prevention: remove firearms from the home; if you have firearms always empty them out and lock them up;
 - support counseling and alternative education programs in our high school.
- The following are a few simple sug-

gestions to lift a low mood: (from *Undoing Depression* by Richard O'Connor, Ph.D.)

- reach out to a family member, a friend;
- exercise — a brisk walk is the best way to lift a mood (better yet with a friend or loved one);
- get plenty of rest, eat healthy, do not overeat, do not overindulge in alcohol;
- do good deeds, i.e. give blood, visit a sick friend or relative;
- read favorite books or a biography of some one you admire, rent a movie;
- learn a new skill, i.e. take a computer or yoga course.

On a more serious level regarding the safety of a friend, loved one or yourself, the following is recommended if you have immediate concerns:

- Call — Family Services at 683-9505, Greater Lawrence Mental Health Center at 683-3128, Samaritans at 688-6607 (24 hours), Samaritan Teen Line 888-SOS-TEEN or Andover Public School 623-8500 and ask for the counseling department;
- Contact a qualified mental health professional, your family doctor, your minister, rabbi, priest, for a referral or support.

The best antidote to depression is membership in a vital community, BELONGING. No one person, family, organization, program, agency, church, temple or school can provide the answer. Working together in a community we are the solution. Andover C.A.R.E.S. wishes all our neighbors a peaceful, healthy, and friendly holiday season.

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Ellen Gutstein
Mike Vogler
Liz Sweeney
Maggie Downes
46 Walnut Ave.

seemingly with neither malice nor premeditation.

Michael Frishman
230 Andover St.

If it wasn't hate, what was it?

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am sure you will receive a plethora of letters about the recent swastika burning in Andover. However, as an Andover High School graduate, some of your statements have compelled me to respond. You wrote, "Chances are very good that these kids — indeed most kids — don't really have a clue about why these symbols are so significant."

I believe that couldn't be further from the truth. Freshmen at AHS, at least five

years ago, read Elie Wiesel's novel, *Night*, and also learn the history of fascist Germany under the rule of Adolf Hitler. *Schindler's List* was also a largely exposed movie at the time.

Andover has a large and active Jewish community. While people of my age may not have much first-hand knowledge or experience of the Holocaust, they certainly know the most extreme hatred and inhumanity that is represented in the swastika. Our media, our culture, and our educational institutions have seen to it, I believe, that this is so.

The chances are not that good that these kids live under a rock and had no idea what they were doing or the implications of their actions at the time. These boys are not ignorant. They are not stupid. It is disgusting to try and scapegoat the acts of these students.

They committed hate crimes, plain and simple.

For Officer Peterson to say, "They said there was really no hate motive behind it," seems ignorant to me. If not hate, then what? Humor? If so, that is just as, if not more, demented.

I realize that you were not coming to their defense in any way and I support your suggestion to use this violation as an educational tool. However, I certainly hope people aren't fooling themselves into thinking that what these students did was someone else's fault. There is a lot in our society that can be blamed on schools, education, the media and such. However, there are some things that individuals are solely responsible for. I think acts such as these are the perfect example.

Thank you for your time.

Lisa M. Mueller
AHS '98

Stop games on high holidays

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Among other constructive responses to the recent swastika burning at Andover High School, the Andover School Committee should take the leadership in having the Merrimack Valley Conference adopt a formal policy of not scheduling any athletic events on the Jewish high holidays. This policy has been in place in other conferences in Eastern Massachusetts and elsewhere for many years.

Sheldon S. Cohen
700 Bulfinch Drive

Local firefighters are well trained

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The Andover Fire Department hosted a two day basic water rescue class for 21 students including 16 off-duty Andover firefighters on Dec. 7 and 8. Greater Lawrence Technical School was a part of the practical portion of the course, sponsored by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.

I have been a water safety professional for 30 years and have never witnessed the level of training that took place at our pool site by these firefighters. The expertise and professionalism of the instructors (including Andover's own Richard Hartman) was truly inspiring. The students performed mock rescues and drills relentlessly, giving new meaning to the adage of practice makes perfect.

In light of the tragedy that befell their fellow firefighters in Worcester, I feel it is important for the residents of Andover to know of the grueling types of training these men and women must undergo to keep us safe. Along with the boundary of the Merrimack River, Andover has several bodies of water to

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contend with. Please be assured that our firefighters are well prepared to deal with any water- or ice-related emergencies.

Let us never take their courage for granted.

Marilyn Fitzgerald
Pool/facilities coordinator
Greater Lawrence
Technical School

In praise of Mr. Wettergreen

Editor, *Townsmen*:

As a 1999 graduate of Andover High School, I write in the defense of Mr. Charles Wettergreen.

In my four years at Andover High I was fortunate enough to have Mr. Wettergreen for not one class, but two. I was a student in Mr. Wettergreen's sophomore English class, as well as his public speaking class. Both of these classes provided me with academic stimulation as well as an intense learning environment. As a member of the school's National Honor Society, I believe I took full advantage of the education provided to me by AHS's exceptional faculty and administration.

Although I do not share all of Mr. Wettergreen's beliefs, I do share the same competitive attitude towards Central Catholic that most Andover High School students, faculty, and graduates have. Mr. Wettergreen complains of Central's tactics of abducting Andover residents, while Central advocates argue Andover residents are a small percentage of the student body. Unlike Andover, several of the surrounding towns do not possess public schools that rate amongst the best in the state. Students in these towns are more likely to seek private education.

Some argue that there is no time for these "Us vs. Them" arguments in education, improvement of test scores should be the main goal. I disagree. Although the facts and figures that I learned at AHS will help me in years ahead, they are not the most important. Some of the most important things I feel I learned at Andover High came from

outside the classroom.

Friendly competition provides students with a sense of community and school pride. The moral lessons I learned from teachers and extracurricular activities gave me the confidence to move 10 hours away from my friends and family to go to school in Washington, D.C. The lessons I learned from teachers such as Mr. Wettergreen are those that carried me through my first semester at college, not my ability to take the MCAS.

I believe that the Andover High School-Central Catholic rivalry is one of the most competitive in the Merrimack Valley Conference. Both schools produce excellent teams in all areas of men's and women's athletics, making for some very exciting games. There have been endless arguments over Central's place in the MVC.

As a private school, its student body may come from many different towns and cities, while Andover only has access to its own student athletes. This has been the source of many disagreements, all with no real solution.

While Central has defeated AHS in the majority of Turkey Day games, and beat Andover in the Men's Division 1 basketball state title, there is no sweeter victory for Andover than to beat Central. If you were to ask any member of last season's AHS men's basketball team what the most exciting day in their recent history has been, I guarantee most of them will tell you it was last January's win over Central Catholic. It was an incredibly close game in Andover's own Dunn Gymnasium, followed by a large part of Andover's student body rushing the court.

On the contrary, if you were to ask any Class of 1999 graduate on last year's football team what the most important game was, they would tell you it was last year's Thanksgiving Day game against Central. Andover suffered a devastating loss of not only the game, but a Super Bowl berth. Whether or not it is fair that Andover residents will continue to compete for Central against their neighbors, we will never know, but it does make for some interesting games.

On the topic of recruiting, I find it hard to believe that Central does not participate. I guess you would call it interesting that just before his junior year in high school, Scott Hazelton decided to move in with his basketball coach in order to attend Central Catholic, and coincidentally led the school to win the state title.

On the topic of student devotion, I assure you that Mr. Wettergreen ranks at the top of the class. As a former student, I've experienced first hand the countless hours Mr. Wettergreen spends with students before and after school, as do most Andover High teachers. Mr. Wettergreen is in his classroom from 7 in the morning until 3 or 4 in the afternoon helping students with projects and other work. He is set on preparing students for the transition from the bubble they currently live in, to the real world.

Mr. Wettergreen knows what hard work is — he has raised three children and runs a successful painting business outside of school. Mr. Wettergreen continues to dedicate himself to his students, as well as advocating the teachers that fuel this country's future leaders.

The problem here is not with Mr. Wettergreen's opinions, but Mr. Elias' idea of narrow-mindedness. To be narrow-minded is to take your own opinion as fact, and others' as fiction. When I read the beginning of Mr. Elias' letter ("The ranting of a very angry person," *Townsmen*, Dec. 9), I believed that he was teaching his children to be aware of narrow-mindedness, not to be narrow-minded.

I realize I was wrong. The idea that he has classified Mr. Wettergreen as being a narrow-minded man from reading one editorial is frightening. I'm sorry that he feels that the thought of his son having Mr. Wettergreen as a teacher would be a "frightening possibility," because it is everything but that.

I'd like to praise Mr. Wettergreen for his teaching as well as his ability to voice his opinions to the public. I wish him luck in his continuing career at Andover High School, they are lucky to have him.

Erin K. O'Brien
10 Johnson Road

Chiropractors believe in the human touch

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am writing in response to the column about doctors ("Good docs deliver more than information," *Townsmen*, Dec. 16). All professions have good and bad individuals. It is the hope of our society that the good outweighs the bad in all walks of life. As a practicing chiropractic physician for 16 years, I would like to share with your readers the good that the chiropractic profession has to offer.

Since its inception in 1896, the chiropractic profession has been ridiculed, primarily at the hand of medical practitioners and the AMA, so much so that this prompted a lawsuit against the AMA and other associated organizations in Chicago, which resulted in an out-of-court settlement. It also resulted in a statement from the AMA that it was permissible for their members to associate with doctors of chiropractic.

With the changes in health care particularly resulting from managed care, the primary care physician has become the gatekeeper for patients to gain access to chiropractic treatment.

In some regions of the country, insurers are conducting pilot programs in which patients are choosing doctors of chiropractic as their primary care physicians. Additionally, in various regions, hospitals are instituting chiropractic departments to expand their services.

The primary aspect of chiropractic education is to listen to the patient. Following a complete examination, which involves touching the patient — as many conditions brought to chiropractors are physical complaints — the doctor of chiropractic sits down with the patient and explains the condition.

The treatment approach is physical, which involves touching the patient. That physical contact with competent hands and a caring and compassionate touch transfers to the patient a feeling of competence that is one of the most valuable tools available to the doctor of chiropractic.

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Education

Parents needed to help choose AHS principal

Andover is about to launch a search for a new, permanent high school principal, and expects to hire one by the first week in April.

But before the town can choose a principal, they must choose parents.

The search team should include at least 12 Andover parents, six of whom will be chosen to serve on the interview team, according to Director of Human Resources Candace Hall.

Parents who have comments can visit with Superintendent Dr. Claudia Bach and Assistant Superintendent Marinel McGrath Jan. 6 at the Andover High School PAC meeting.

The forum is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the high school library. Bach and McGrath will solicit comments from parents about what kind of person they believe the new principal should be. School administrators are also accepting written comments from parents who cannot attend the meeting, Hall says.

Parents volunteering for the search team would be expected to meet extensively from February 26 to March 9, to read and evaluate applications, Hall says.

Meanwhile a search team of teachers and administrators will review the same set of applications. The two groups will meet in early March and determine which candidates should be interviewed.

Parents chosen to serve on the interview team would be expected to conduct those interviews from 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. from March 12-16.

Parents volunteering to interview are urged to attend every interview, and are expected to submit written comments to the superintendent. Finalist candidates will attend a superintendent's reception, to which parents will be invited.

"In selecting the search team, we will make every attempt to keep this team as diverse as possible," Hall says.

A new principal would assume his or her duties as of July 1, 2000, Hall says.

Interim Principal Bruce MacDonald took over at Andover High School in September after the death of Larry Robinson on Sept. 5, who had served as principal for more than a year.

MacDonald emerged from a five-year retirement. He was principal of Weston High School for 12 years before he retired.

Robinson was diagnosed with liver cancer shortly after assuming duties at Andover High School.

He succeeded principal Ellen Parker, who is now principal of Methuen High School.

Andover's best of the best

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Andover Schools Superintendent Dr. Claudia Bach developed a program this year to highlight the best programs in local schools. Once a month, Bach would add to the School Committee agenda one of the "superintendent's exemplary practices," for presentation. Over the course of the year, nearly every Andover school presented a program. The School Committee saw seven presentations.

The Bancroft School presented its AlphaSmart word-processing program. West Elementary presented its Image Making Through the Writing Process program. The Shawsheen Integrated Primary School presented its top authors, who created books in the school's publishing program. West Middle School was highlighted for its *Time* magazine social studies program. South School presented "Over in the Meadows," a combination of fine arts, language and technology. Bach also highlighted two Athletic Department programs, the adaptive physical education program, and the tax voucher volunteer program.

Image Making Through the Writing Process

Mary Beth Smith, Daniella DeLuca and Charlie Friel coordinated this program at West Elementary.

Assistant Principal Liz Roos won grants for the \$2,500 program, developed at the University of New Hampshire. The West Elementary School PTO also helped pay for the program and materials, she said.

The lesson began with a study of authors and illustrators, Roos said. Then, more than 300 students created textured and marbled papers using various materials, and were asked to look for images in the paper.

Each student created 20 pieces of paper, and then wrote stories based on the images cut out of their papers, Roos said.

While writing a story based on

images is the reverse form of the normal writing process — to write first, and then illustrate a story with pictures — the method worked well for all students, especially those who have difficulty writing, she said.

"Kids that were reluctant writers were spewing forth novels," Roos said.

AlphaSmarts

Bach featured Bancroft teachers and students — the pioneers of the AlphaSmarts program.

A team of five teachers received two Lighthouse Technology grants this year, one for \$18,000 and one for \$30,000, both for developing their AlphaSmarts program.

Seldner, each took on another teacher at Bancroft as a partner, to teach them how to use AlphaSmarts in their lessons.

The word processors are now used to develop writing and editing skills in all areas of the curriculum. Students composed "math poems," and worked on publishing projects and wrote a variety of reports on AlphaSmarts.

A small group of Bancroft students demonstrated how they have used AlphaSmarts for the School Committee, complete with a finger-snapping, sunglasses-wearing song about how much they like using AlphaSmarts. Even School Committee members were loaned some shades to complete



Image making — West Elementary School students Jeff Kublin, left, and John Peracchi create textured papers with wax as part of a writing program. Each student makes 20 sheets of paper, cuts out images, and writes stories based on those images.

Teacher Ellen Mokler, who discovered the AlphaSmarts project, said the small, lightweight word-processing units were particularly useful for students with special needs who had trouble writing by hand.

One student jumped up in the middle of a lesson and exclaimed "I need my AlphaSmart," she said.

Teachers say the enthusiasm for using the AlphaSmarts has taken off, and they hope to expand the program to get one set of them for every classroom, said teacher Elsie Wu.

The teachers who started the program, Mokler, Wu, Sally Magner, Bill Scanlon, Scott Besterman and Julie

the effect.

"I feel I can't live without them," said third-grader Patty Morin.

Patty said her biggest wish is for everyone at Bancroft to have an AlphaSmart to use.

Teachers will be presented the project at a national conference in New York on March 29.

Shawsheen Publishing

The literati of Shawsheen School read their work to members of the Andover School Committee in a show of that school's publishing program.

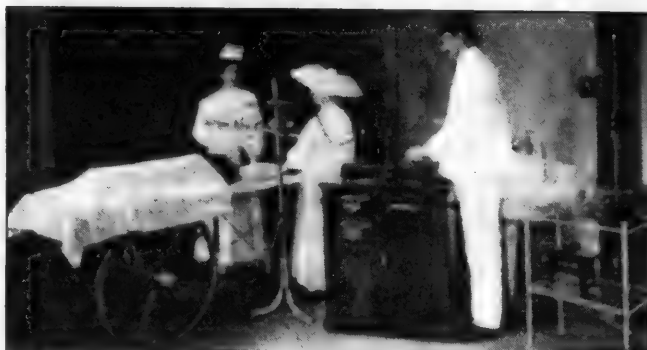
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Andover schools' best

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Students and faculty of the Shawsheen Integrated Primary School read from books published in the Shawsheen Publishing Center.

The publishing program began with parent volunteers, who would take material written by students home and produce books on their computers, said media specialist Maura Bresnahan.

To speed up the process and lighten the load for volunteers, school leaders sought grants to bring the program in-house, so volunteers could use equipment at the school.

With help from the Andover Fund for Education, the school PTO and Hewlett Packard, the school bought publishing software Easy Book Deluxe, a printer and a page laminator.

More than 320 books have been produced in the program with the help of three coordinators and 35 parent volunteers, Bresnahan said.

Bresnahan presented the program with Principal Theresa Murphy, Learning Specialist Carol Buchanan, and volunteer Jane Bowman.

Five first-graders read their stories to the audience. Becca Puntoni wrote about a hiking trip, Jake Gillman wrote *How I Learned to Play Football*, much to the delight of former football coach and present School Committee member Dick Collins. Elizabeth Gilbert wrote about why Fenway Park is her favorite place to watch baseball. Greg Hanafin wrote about his trip to Disney World, and Natalie Sousa read the story she wrote about her family, all of whom are cute, she said.

Making music with art, science and math

South School students and teachers

presented an interdisciplinary music program.

Six South School second-graders performed an adaptation of a folk song accompanied by a slide show.

Musicians and singers Cecily Givens, John Haak, Alden French, Dennis Haaker, Alex Abisso and Kayla Walsh performed the songs, for which they had written additional lyrics and drawn illustrations.

The full-fledged performance at South School included more than 100 students, said Principal Eileen Woods.

School Committee members praised South School teachers for collaborating on the project and bringing varied subjects to one project.

A team of second-grade teachers led by Debbie McLaughlin worked with computer specialist Beth Kennedy, art teacher Janice Chapin and music teacher Linda O'Donnell to adapt a folk-song *Over in the Meadows*, and create an illustrated slide show to accompany the performance.

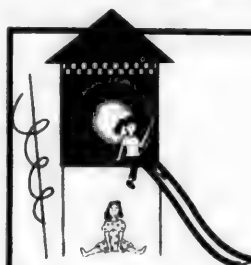
Students wrote new lyrics to the song, a counting game about animals, after doing research about the habitats and names of animals and their babies. Their illustrations were digitized and incorporated into a video presentation.

The six students performed a portion of the song with xylophones, cymbals and other instruments as the video monitor showed pictures they drew.



Photo by Rebecca Lipchitz

Music to their ears — South School teachers and administrators look on while students perform *Over in the Meadows*, a folk song they wrote in a program incorporating language, music, science and fine art skills.



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SCHOOLTALK

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Each family will receive a free Newsweek/Kaplan "How to get into College" Guide. Seating is limited.

Call 1-800-KAP-TEST to reserve a seat.

Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association presented a winter piano recital Saturday, Dec. 4, at Memorial Hall Library.

Andover teachers presenting students included Jody Brickman, Lina Shen, Leslie Kaplan and Kay Foltz.

Andover students included

Joel Sciabarrasi, Tebs Maqubela, Kristina Fuerst, Sara Helmers, Julia Littlefield, Benjamin Landy, James Kim, Danielle Rosensweig and Anne Blackwell.

The Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association was started in 1978 when five Andover music teachers met to discuss plans for a local chapter of the Massachusetts Music Teachers National Association.

The group meets monthly to exchange ideas with other professional musicians. Opportunities for students to perform in recitals, master classes and juried events are offered as well as teacher workshops, guest speakers, and other special musical events.

November's workshop featured a demonstration of a Clavinova, a digital piano made by Yamaha.

The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 10, and will feature Jeannie Goodwin, who

will discuss how the challenges of teaching music to adults differ from those of working with children.

For further information, call Paulette Theriault, president, at (978) 346-8543.

The Language Advantage of Newburyport is interested in expanding its French and Spanish Foreign Language Program for children ages 2½ and older, to the Andover area.

The classes are held almost entirely in the target language and include games, music, and other activities including movies to introduce young children to a foreign language at an early age.

The program was initiated in the this spring by program director Lisa Keegan, a Spanish instructor at Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield who travels worldwide as a bilingual training consultant. Her experience includes 10 years of instruction and training in Madrid, Spain. The

classes would be established according to demand and held at the Andover Baptist Church on Central Street.

For more information, call Lisa Keegan at (978) 465-8214.

The Pingree Players have selected *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* as their winter musical and entry to the 2000 Edinburgh Fringe Festival. This classic Stephen Sondheim musical was inspired by the farcical plays of Titus Maccius Plautus, the Roman playwright. This musical incorporates such typical Plautus characters as the conniving slave, the callow hero, the doddering old man, the shrewish wife, and the macho warrior.

Pingree students in the play include Andover residents Aaron Nossiff as Hysterium and Erick Peikin as Miles Gloriosus.

Production dates are Friday, March 3, and Saturday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. and Sun-

day, March 5, at 2:30 p.m.

Performances will be held in the Pingree Performing Arts Center, 537 Highland St., South Hamilton. Tickets are \$6 for children under 13 and seniors; \$8 for adults.

The Pingree Performing Arts Department has been recognized by the American High School Theatre Festival as having one of the top 20 high school theater programs in the United States. Pingree has been chosen to represent Massachusetts at the Fringe Festival in Edinburgh this August. Students will once again present *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* for an international audience.

For ticket reservations or more information about the arts at Pingree, call the box office at (978) 468-2194.

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch at Andover public schools the week of Jan. 3-7:

Elementary schools

Monday: Spaghetti and meatballs with salad, baked nuggets and puffs, mozzarella sticks with cubes of ham, corn, rolls, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Roast turkey with mashed potatoes, pizza with graham crackers, cheeseburger with fries, peas, roll, cherry crisp, milk.

Wednesday: Egg McMuffin, baked nuggets and puffs, mozzarella sticks with cubes of ham, green beans, roll, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Roast pork with mashed potatoes, pizza with graham crackers, french toast sticks with sausage, carrots, cranberry sauce, roll, milk.

Friday: Tuna salad on a roll with chips, pizza stick with soft pretzel, hot dog with fries, sweet potato, fruit, milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Spaghetti with salad, baked nuggets and puffs, nachos with salsa and cheese, corn, roll, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Pork roast with mashed potatoes,

stuffed crust cheese pizza, chicken McSchool, peas, cherry crisp, milk.

Wednesday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches, baked nuggets and puffs, cheeseburger with fries, green beans, roll, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Roast turkey with mashed potatoes, stuffed crust cheese pizza, egg McMuffin, carrots, cranberry sauce, roll, fruit, milk.

Friday: Tuna salad on a roll with chips, baked nuggets and puffs, two hot dogs with fries, sweet potato, fruit, milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches, wedge pizza, ilio olio with sausage, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Roast turkey with mashed potatoes, bagel square pizza, pasta with meatballs, cranberry sauce, corn, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Two beefy burritos, wedge pizza, eggplant with pasta, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Roast pork with mashed potatoes, bagel/square pizza, pasta, ilio olio with sausage, applesauce, carrots, milk.

Friday: Cheeseburger with fries, wedge pizza, pasta with meatballs, fruit, milk.

Menus subject to change.

WHAT'S UP

Adventure Club completes fall program

As the fall season comes to an end, membership in the West Middle School Adventure Club has grown to nearly 200 and a wide range of activities have been offered to students under the direction of Walter Rossini and Les Taylor.

The activities offered were based upon a student survey included in the membership form. The most popular choices were considered.

Go-carting, miniature golf, and ice cream at JayGee's in Methuen in October included Jake Allard, Joseph Savoca, Karen McSweeney, Kate Gladstein, Erica Godek, Tyler Buendia, Adam Rousmaniere, Shawn Friedland, Christopher Munger, Ryan Felden, David Chapman, Kelly McGowan, Danielle Richard, Carlos Apostle, Will Kolbe, Mark Couture, Luke Bryden, Rebecca Dampousse, Stephen Crompton, Colleen Irby, Gabe Greeley, Tiara Church and Mai Dagan.

Bowling at Candlewood Lanes in North Reading followed by a pizza party attracted Davis Shirmer, Ryan Felden, Omar Noury, Carlos Apostle, Tiara Church, Kevin O'Brien, Jeremy Perron, Jessie Sofio, Margaret Wang,

James Grieve, Joseph Savoca, Adam Rousmaniere and Lauren McConnell.

Laser Tag at Laser Quest in Danvers was attended by Rebecca Dampousse, Omar Noury, Shawn Friedland, Carlos Apostle, Peter Vachon, Will Kolbe, Mike Gustin, Janell Lauria, Mike Campbell, Chris Burke, Donna Shin, Kelly McGowan, Margaret Wang, Danielle Richard, Mark Couture, Bobby Pierce, Christopher Munger, Shawn Daly, Michelle Chan, Jimmy Conway, Gregory Famiglietti, Nick Pettini, Samantha Collins, Dragos Velicance, T.A. Tenney, Mike Haugh, Ryan Felden, Eric Matulsky, Christopher Cho, John Fox, James Grieve, Eric Ferreira, Lenny Kublin, Danielle Riendeau, Ed Hunt, Stephen Crompton, R.J. Samuels, Nick Morissette, A.J. Drivas, Bobby Hughes, and Drew Crossen. Guest "zappers" included Kim Briand and Kathy McDermott.

► For more information about WHAT'S UP, call Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services director, at 623-8241; or Jack Grady, Townsman assistant editor, at 475-7000. E-mail submissions to: jgrady@andovertownsman.com

SCHOOL TALK

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Santa Parade, sponsored by the Andover Firefighters. This year's theme was "Snowflakes and children... each one is unique," and the theme was displayed on the

float and through song.

The children learned traditional holiday songs like *Frosty the Snowman* as well as more obscure songs like *If all the Snowflakes were Hershey Bars and Milk Shakes*.

These songs were recorded and broadcast on the float, which was decorated with a snowflake made by each of the ASM students.

Several students and parents rode on the float, while

the rest followed behind in wagons, each of which was decorated to match the float.

The Andover School of Montessori was reportedly surprised to learn that its entry had been awarded the Robert W. Piskadlo Memorial for its float, which only served to add excitement and enjoyment to the parade experience and the party afterward, which was held back at the school.

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ON CAMPUS

Jeffrey Wessler of Andover recently completed a wilderness leadership course in Wyoming's Wind River Range with the National Outdoor Leadership School in Lander, Wyo.

The expedition-style course ventured into Bighorn Mountains, extensive ranges of granite and volcanic peaks punctuated by numerous lakes and rivers.

The backpacking course, designed for 14- and 15-year-olds, traveled in a region

where few roads and developed trails exist and altitudes range from 7,000 feet to greater than 10,000 feet.

Wessler learned the essentials of backcountry living — how to travel over rocky, steep terrain with a heavy pack, practice leave-no-trace camping techniques, and plan a successful wilderness expedition. As students gained comfort and experience, they moved onto advanced instruction on topics that ranged from first aid to fishing for cutthroat

trout, rock climbing, and discussing environmental issues.

Northern Essex Community College students were awarded 235 scholarships during a Sept. 1 ceremony held at the college.

The students, who represent a variety of backgrounds and academic programs, were recognized for their academic achievement as well as extracurricular activities.

Northern Essex scholarships are sponsored by area

businesses, service organizations, professional groups and individuals. A record number of students (191) were able to receive nearly \$106,000 in scholarships this year, a spokeswoman said.

Andover students awarded scholarships include:

Debra Bosworth, NECC Alumni Association Scholarship, NECC Pace Program Scholarship.

Dianne Jacobs, NECC Career Development Center Scholarships; Community Ser-

vice Scholarship, NECC Foundation Inc. Scholarship.

Michelle Kennedy, Michael G. Stevens Memorial Scholarship.

Yen Lam, NECC Foundation Inc. Scholarship.

Shari McLeod, NECC Foundation Inc. Scholarship.

Kristen Pellerin, Andover Bank Scholarship.

Kara Robidoux, NECC Presidential Scholars.

Constance Sarcione, Louis A. Gigliotti Memorial Scholarship.

From creating a literary journal to researching Andover's history: Fall grants awarded by the Andover Fund for Education

AFE awards five grants to public school teachers for innovative projects

The Andover Fund for Education has announced the recipients of its fall grants. The Andover Fund for Education awarded grants in writing and art to historical research and aerodynamics to Andover teachers enriching the core curriculum with innovative projects.

Teachers supported by AFE grants include Justine Quimby of Bancroft School, Holly Plamondon and Charlotte Lynch of West Elementary, P. Elliott of West Middle School, and Robert Mirisola and Robert Bachmann of Doherty Middle School.

In Quimby's project, Jana Dillon, Jackie French Koller and other authors will visit Bancroft school to mentor aspiring authors in all grade levels. A variety of materials will be represented including picture books,

historical fiction, science and history, as published authors will share their work and their experiences in writing.

The team of West Elementary teachers is expanding a program in which art is used as a tool to teach social studies and geography curriculum. Artists and their masterpieces will be introduced to the fifth-graders and links will be drawn to world cultural geography. Each student will express him or herself through text, art, drama or other media in an original project.

A literary journal will be published at West Middle School offering enrichment opportunities for strong and creative language arts students. While Elliott will oversee the project, students will submit material for the journal as well as coordinate its publication. Articles, reviews, poems and

essays written by students will be collected and bound. Extra copies will be available.

The whole Andover community will benefit from Andover Part, Year 2000.

Doherty Middle School eighth-grade students will conduct research pertaining to famous people, places, and events of Andover's past. This written history will then be placed within the town park on permanent plaques. Plaques will also be posted to identify trees by their Latin and English names.

Bachmann will continue teaching students about the challenges of flight. This year his project, entitled Aero 2000, involves a glider using a curved wing much the same as the Wright brothers'. Through careful construction, each student will create a flying

laboratory, which will need balancing and trimming much as did the Wright aircraft. Also similar to the Wright aircraft, the launching will be by means of a 90-foot catapult. Students will analyze the flights of the gliders and draw conclusions based on aerodynamic principles.

The Andover Fund for Education is a non-profit organization founded in 1991 to support Andover's public schools.

Twice each year the group disburses grants to Andover teachers for innovative projects that go beyond the scope of the school budget.

More than 45 grants have been awarded.

For more information on the AFE grant program, call Kate Margolese, the grant coordinator, at 686-7918.

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News

Whitley ...

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his family still enjoys visiting the gentle man, and his great-granddaughters enjoy climbing up on his knee and receiving soft hugs and kind words.

Currently a resident at Academy Manor Nursing Home, Walter Whitley says his "memories come like whiskers now," which is to say, slowly.

Today, it is his family — his son and daughter-in-law, his four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren — who often tell his stories.

But, as a new millennium dawns, 99-year-old Walter Whitley can know his stories will be shared with future generations of Whitleys.

Several years ago, he put pen to paper, essentially preserving the 20th century. These stories have been compiled by his family.

Childhood and Haley's Comet

Whitley has fond memories of Somersville, Conn., the town of his early youth.

"There were nice people there," he says. "I was very young then, but I remember that."

In his writings, he recalls peddlers who came door-to-door, including a man who caught skunks and sold their malodorous oil as a cure all (see box).

He also remembers the day when his father added several leaves to the dining room. The young Walter wondered who was coming to dinner, but it turned out his father was preparing an operating table. A doctor was coming to remove Walter's mother's near-ruptured appendix.

"Was the operation a success?" he asks, in his writings. "Mother lived to be 94 years old."

Another story is about the first time he saw Haley's comet, in 1910.

"I remember my father ushering Mother and me out onto the front lawn one evening, not telling us what to expect. Then I saw it! It was an awesome sight, a huge, glowing fireball rising slowly, ever so slowly, over the tree tops of a woods behind our house.

"I held my breath as it passed too close to a neighbor's roof without setting it on fire, and felt relief when it gradually reached the open sky. Only then did I notice the seemingly endless tail of smoke that followed it."

Whitley saw the comet again more than 70 years later, but this time he watched it on TV.

His youngest granddaughter, Layne Whitley, says her grandfather felt that, as a whole, people became more insensitive between those two heavenly visits.

Although Whitley built his first radio and his own camera at one point, he also had some reservations about the number of technological innovations during that time, says his family.

Perhaps this slight technophobia



Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

Living history — Walter Whitley visits with great-granddaughters Regan and Brenna Miner, and granddaughter Layne Whitley.

was something he inherited from his Grandma Ladish. Whitley says that when he and his parents moved to Lawrence during the 1910s, his maternal grandmother wouldn't join them.

The reason? Well, people in the cities had indoor plumbing.

"She wouldn't come visit because she 'wouldn't go anywhere where people would do their business in the house,'" explains Layne.

Pomp and circumstances

Walter Whitley and his parents moved to Lawrence, Mass., for his father's work and his own schooling. But, with America entering World War I on the year of his graduation, Whitley graduated without a prom, or even a real graduation ceremony.

The Lawrence High School principal called an assembly before graduation to talk about it.

"I remember him starting by demanding, in effect, 'Don't any of you buy new clothes for your graduation. Our country is at war and needs all its resources to win that war!'" writes Whitley.

A few years after graduating, Whitley happened to be in Washington D.C. on Aug. 2, 1923, for the funeral of President Warren Harding.

After waiting for several hours under a tree on Pennsylvania Avenue, he says he saw the president's casket pass, followed by several past and then-future presidents, including Taft, Wilson, Coolidge and Hoover.

"Not far behind them were the members of the Senate, members of the House of Representatives, and Justices of the Supreme Court. The entire high personnel of the United States government was passing before my eyes only a few yards away!" says Whitley. "To a Methuen, Mass. yokel, it was all an impressive and exciting experience!"



Gentle hug — Whitley embraces great-granddaughter Regan Miner, 8.

"Not far behind the presidential group was Colonel Lee Crandall, a 90-year-old soldier who had fought under Stonewall Jackson in the Civil War. He refused a carriage and walked the entire route in his Confederate uniform. The temperature was 102 degrees. Newspapers reported 170 prostrations that day."

Mills and marriage

After his high-school graduation, Whitley worked in a Lawrence mill, and received patents for several inventions, say family members.

"The mill he worked for, the Pacific Mill in Lawrence, was at one time the largest mill in the world. It extended for one mile, all along the canal," says Paul Whitley. Many of Whitley's writings are about people he met in that mill.

But perhaps the sweetest of Whitley's writings is a poem about his wife, Ethel, who died before him.

"They were inseparable," says Paul. "In all the years that I was with my parents, I never heard my parents argue."

Skunk hunter

The following is one of Walt Whitley's stories, collected in a notebook by his family.

When I was a small boy, there was a time when I wondered if skunks ever had a sore throat. Not that I was interested in the well-being of skunks, but I did have a severe cold with a rough and a very sore throat. Mother thought that the Skunk Oil Man might have a cure.

That grizzled old man lived in town. He went into the deep woods periodically and emerged many days later with a supply of skunk salve and skunk oil which he peddled around town. He also sold the pelts. Town folks accepted him as any other person who worked for a living. After all, a man had to make a living about any way he could. Social Security was 30 odd years in the future. Children teased him about the odor, but he took it good naturedly and only smiled. Many of their parents were his customers.

The cold and sore throat which had kept me from school brought him to our door. How he knew my condition was a trade secret I guess. Mother bought a jar of skunk salve.

She made a poultice of the salve on a band of cloth and wound it tightly around my neck, to the sound of my protestations. Then she wound another band of cloth around the poultice to keep the grease from oozing out and secured it with a safety pin.

The odor from the poultice must have put me to sleep, for when I awoke, Father was in the room. He was home from work and had come up to see how I was feeling. He probably asked if I had had an encounter with a skunk. I was too hoarse to answer; instead I just pointed to my throat. He knew right away where the odor was coming from. He opened a window and went downstairs to confront Mother.

Soon Mother came up with another poultice. She removed the skunk bandage and replaced it with our standard "cure" for a sore throat: a poultice of strips of salt pork sprinkled with cayenne pepper. The sore throat had to yield under that double treatment.

Walter Whitley believes he will join his wife in heaven someday.

Layne Whitley says her grandfather once told her that his mother, on her death bed, "raised her arms, sat up and said, 'It's so beautiful,' and then dropped dead."

While many are fretting about what the new millennium will bring, it seems Walter Whitley — who saw everything this century has to offer — is neither afraid or what the next century, nor the next life, has in store for him.

Environment ...

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The incidence of cancer and pediatric asthma is also reported to be high in the Merrimack Valley.

And others considered the location of a cellular phone tower installed in Lawrence next to Andover's Shepley Street a public health issue.

Andover's Director of Public Health Everett Penney says residents may be more sensitive to projects' environmental impacts, or the effects of environmental degradation on public health, but if people learned anything this year, it's that Andover has a long way to go in addressing most health and environmental issues — partially because they are not confined within the town's borders.

"We've got to have a much more regional approach to these things," Penney says, citing the regional Healthy Communities Tobacco Awareness program as an example.

"It shows that if the state throws out some money as a carrot, communities can band together to do something about a common problem," he says.

Has money been the motive behind other environmental concerns?

Members of the Merrimack Valley Residents for the Environment, a group opposed to the Nickel Hill Energy Project in Dracut, say they oppose the plant for

environmental reasons. But they also acknowledge that if the power plant is built, it could decrease property values in some areas.

While there are clearly environmental issues with NESWC, the noise about it wasn't all that loud until an anticipated rise in electricity prices never materialized, and local trash disposal prices began to rise above market rate.

That led residents to ask the Legislature for help.

Not just about money

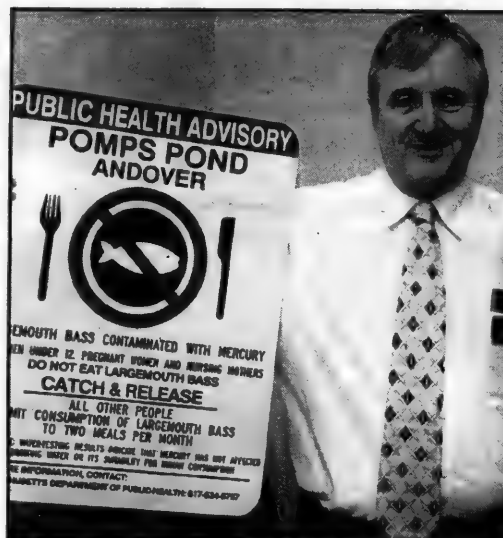
But some residents say certain environmental issues are getting more attention even if they have no strings attached to wallets.

Marta Hornidge, of the Andover Village Improvement Society, says membership is up. While more people are hiking on AVIS trails and helping to further AVIS preservation causes, there are also more people living in Andover, Hornidge says.

She also cites a steady participation in local Appalachian Mountain Club trips held in or around Andover every Sunday.

She says the interest in Andover in part is due to a greater interest in environmental issues.

Andover physicist and environmental consultant Michael Brower, author of *The Consumer's Guide to Effective Environmental Choices*, declines to comment



File photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Signs of the times — Public Health Director Everett Penney shows warnings issued about mercury in fish in local ponds.

on local environmental issues, but notes that environmental concerns have been present in most presidential campaigns.

"On the national scene, I would say there's been a major change in environmental awareness," he says.

Despite the popularity of environmental issues, few people are willing to tackle the ones that make the most difference, he says, such as greenhouse gas emissions and global warming.

Air quality may be the only national

issue that has been addressed to a useful degree, he says.

"I would say air quality is probably one issue moving more or less in the right direction," Brower says, due to more restrictive standards in national pollution regulations.

The Federal Clean Air Act of 1990 required the NESWC incinerator to be equipped with more advanced pollution control equipment by the year 2000.

Locally, Massachusetts recently tightened regulations on mercury emissions, and the town posted warnings to pregnant women and children not to eat fish from Haggetts or Poms ponds due to mercury levels too high for fish consumption.

Board of Health Chairman Douglas Dunbar says reportedly high cancer rates in Andover have not been scientifically linked to emissions from the local incinerator, but the power-plant proposal of the Nickel Hill Energy is still cause for concern among public health officials.

A recent update to a state report on the incidence of cancer between 1990 and 1995 shows Andover had slightly more cases than expected of breast cancer and colon or rectal cancer in women, and in prostate and testicular cancer in men during those years, Dunbar says.

The numbers were not alarmingly large, but worth noting, he says.

"It's not startling, but it's something that catches a professional health person's eye."

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Environment ...

It's about awareness

Dunbar adds that he believes one reason Andoverites may be more aware of public health issues is that Penney works to fully inform the public of many issues.

South Andover residents are now concerned with the environmental impact of a new sewer system. To bring sewers to an area riddled with failing septic systems would be a big step forward for public health in Andover, Dunbar says.

While Andover could not prevent Dracut from approving the Nickel Hill project, local officials and residents continue to exercise as much control over the environmental impacts of the plant as they can, Dunbar says, an effort also led by Penney and local activists.

Selectmen Mary French says the board's support of MVRE's opposition to the project was one of several things selectmen have done to help preserve the environment.

She also cites the board's support of the Community Preservation Act which, if passed by the Legislature, would provide money for open space acquisition, affordable housing and historic preservation.

Resident Norm Viehmann, who volunteered at this year's annual toxic waste collection day, says people had so many questions about environmental issues, he talked for two hours at the event.

"I was hoarse at the end," he says.

The collection drew more than 200 people, or twice the number who attended last year, he says.

While he is encouraged that residents are more aware of the dangers of putting fluorescent lights and mercury batteries into the waste stream, Viehmann says to make a real difference in the environment, Andover must aggressively encourage businesses in industries to recycle.

While some businesses are committed to recycling, others are not, he says.

"There is a tremendous amount that still needs to be done," he says.

This year Viehmann himself has begun to make a point of buying recycled paper products, and recycling some plastics.

Zimmerman ...

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chickens, horses, and geese, which could be particularly mean, she says.

Given the chance to come to America at the age of 21, she took it, and went on to relish a long life in the city. In the era of sweat-shop labor in America, Zimmerman worked for 20 years at a knitting mill in Brooklyn, sewing sleeves into garments. But her way of life in Hungary was built upon hard work, and she expected nothing less in America. She fondly remembers the busy city life and its opportunities for modern transportation, such as trolleys over cobblestone streets, and modern entertainment.

She also spent time sewing children's dresses, and cooked Hungarian specialties such as butter cookies, blintzes, stuffed cabbage, and a special strudel recipe.

But, as some say, you can't take the farm

out of the girl. She picnicked in New York City parks. While living in the Bronx, where backyards were often covered in glacial rock, Zimmerman planted glorious gardens that drew viewers from far and wide.

Cultivating her gardens was a pastime close to her heart, Zimmerman says.

"The flowers, they were like my friends," she says.

But her family remains her dearest friends. In the 1930s, when she began to get settled in New York, she returned to Europe with furniture for her parents' home. Today, what she enjoys most are visits with her family, including her niece, Elysse, of California.

While she acknowledges that her life in younger years was hard work, she remains modest today about all she has survived.

Before she left for America, she survived World War I, unlike one of her brothers. But before her brother became a casualty of war, she, near the age of 15, managed to work her way to the front to bring him food.

In 1922, at the age of 21, Sara left for America with her sister, 16, and her brother, 13.

Her parents were reluctant to leave their farm, and later fell victim to the Nazi regime.

At the age of 50, she married Nathan Zimmerman of New York, an expert in refinishing furniture, whom she admired for his hard work.

Until she recently injured her foot, Zimmerman walked extensively on her own after surviving two broken hips. Paige estimates his grandmother's birthday is Nov. 15, 1900.

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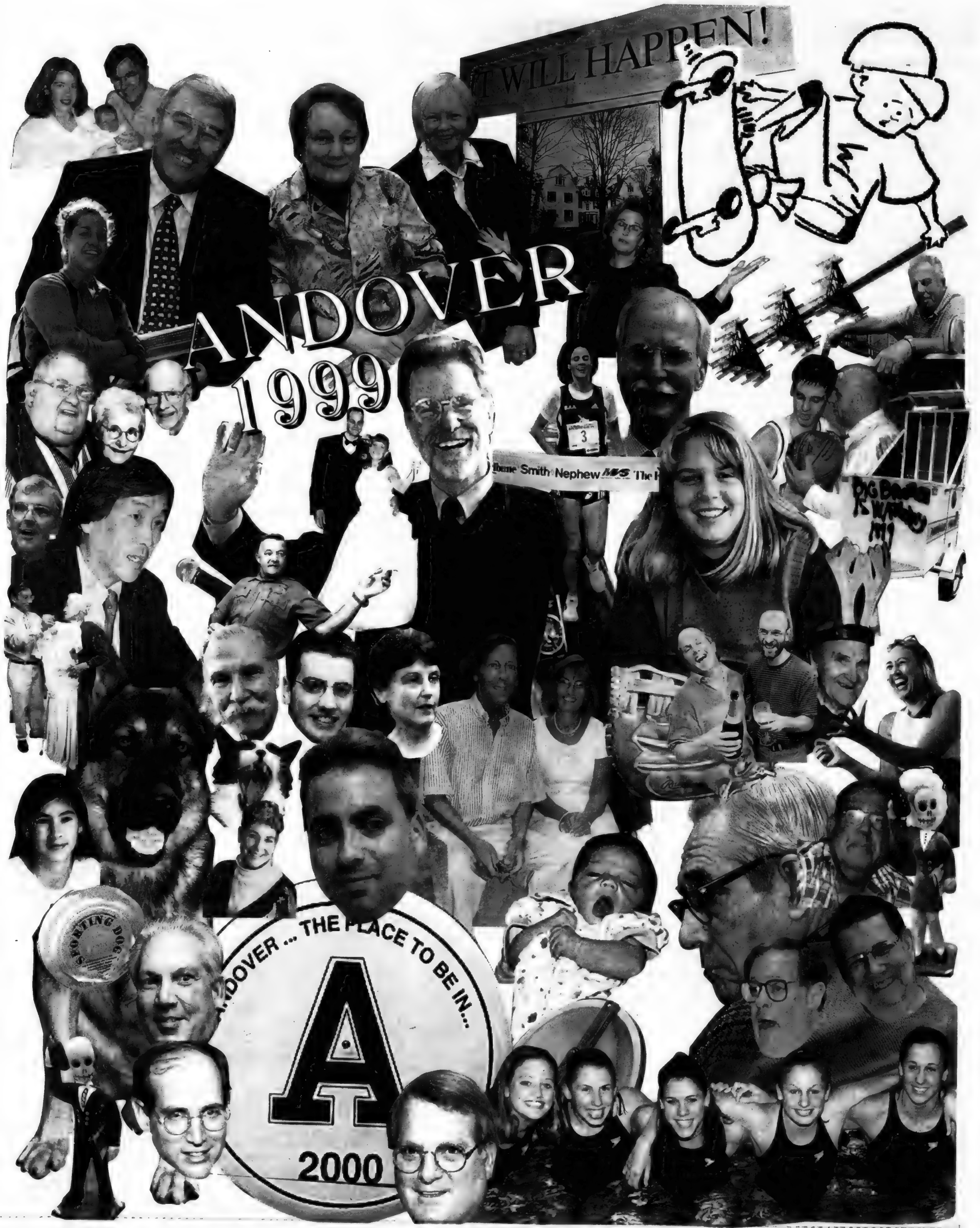
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Wednesday, Dec. 22 - At 7:41 a.m., Alan O. Batista, 32, of 161 Salem St., Lawrence, was arrested on South Main Street and charged with driving without a license and without an inspection sticker.

At 11:18 a.m., Chesley A. Steele, 29, of 438 Pawtucket St., Lowell was arrested on North Main Street and charged with driving without having number plates properly displayed, driving without a license and illegally possessing a Class D substance. William B. McCready, 32, of 1 Hunt St., Windham, N.H., was arrested and charged with illegally possessing a Class D substance.

At 2:47 p.m., James P. Hannon, 34, of 313 Willard St., Dracut, was arrested on Woburn Street and charged on a warrant for vehicle violations.

Thursday, Dec. 23 - At 10:56 a.m., a 43-year-old Andover man was taken into protective custody after a driver reported a man carrying a briefcase and stumbling around in front of Old Town Hall.

At 5:14 p.m., a 13-year-old North Andover girl was arrested on Main Street and charged with shoplifting.

Saturday, Dec. 25 - At 12:05 a.m., John R. Lee, 39, of 8 Rennie Dr., Andover, was arrested on School Street and charged with driving after his license had been revoked for drunken driving.

At 3:24 a.m., John E. Alcott, 38, of 109 Felker St., Lowell, was arrested on River Road and charged with a second offense of driving under the influence of alcohol and with failing to stay in marked lanes.

Sunday, Dec. 26 - At 11:12 a.m., Olga Baez Reboredo, 45, of 124 South Broadway, Lawrence, was arrested at the Tage Inn and charged on a default warrant for driving under the influence of liquor.

At 7:13 p.m., Luis A. Rivera, 20, of 7 Vine St., Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged with driving with a suspended license and carrying a dangerous weapon.

Monday, Dec. 27 - At 11:55 p.m., Patricia A. Denoncourt, 20, of 119 North Main St., Andover, was arrested at the Andover safety center and charged with two counts of assault and battery on a police officer.

Following a report of a loud argument on Post Office Avenue, Denoncourt had been taken into protective custody. But the log reports Denoncourt "was unruly during the booking and assaulted Sgt. MacKenzie and Officer Reilly." Sgt. MacKenzie reported an injured hand.

Tuesday, Dec. 28 - At 7:58 a.m., Joseph J. Trudelle, 38, of 67 Eustis Ave., Lowell, was arrested on South Main Street and charged on Lowell default warrants.

At 12:30 p.m., after a request for an ambulance at the train platform on Railroad Street for a male who had passed out, a 43-year-old Andover man was taken into protective custody.

At 7:29 p.m., Robert Fankidejsky, 19, of 147 Oakland Ave., Methuen, was arrested on Shawsheen Road and charged on a Woburn District Court warrant for being a minor in possession of alcohol and illegally possessing a Class D substance.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 22 - At 2:53 a.m., a Colonial Drive woman called because someone kept ringing her buzzer, and she was frightened to answer the door. She later advised police that someone had spoken with the man, who was ringing the wrong apartment buzzer.

At 7:56 a.m., a Tage Inn employee reported that picketers were harassing employees going into the building, and were also harassing them through an 800 number.

At 1:21 p.m., Andover police received a letter from the Greater Lawrence Technical School regarding a trespassing. The letter said that a male had been given notice not to appear on school grounds, or he'd be subject to arrest.

At 2:48 p.m., a detective planned to file on a harassment at Andover High School.

At 4:01 p.m., an officer served a restraining order to a man in Andover.

Thursday, Dec. 23 - At 2:06 p.m., a Stevens Street caller reported a missing elderly woman, with mild dementia. She was found about an hour later.

At 3:58 p.m., a caller reported that her neighbors are away and she just saw their front door open and a light go on and off. When she called the house, there was no answer. An officer reported another neighbor had gone into the house to take care of the neighbor's dog.

At 11:36 p.m., an Andover woman reported that she has a restraining order against her husband, but he keeps sending her letters.

Friday, Dec. 24 - At 12:56 a.m., a mother asked police to check an Andover address for her 15-year-old son. The male refused to go home at first, but an officer later reported that he went home with his mother without incident.

At 4:49 p.m., a woman reported finding a wallet that was then brought to the police station.

At 7:38 p.m., a Phoenix Place caller reported "a prowler in his back yard." An officer reported that the man saw a deer.

Saturday, Dec. 25 - At 12:58 p.m., an Andover resident reported that his family had received a package the previous day "at an address they used to live at eight years ago and the package has no return address." He believed this was suspicious. An officer reported he would take the package to the station. The package was opened and turned out to be a Christmas present. It was returned to the caller.

Sunday, Dec. 26 - At 10:35 a.m., a caller reported there were about six cylindrical objects in the brush across from the Bancroft pumping station that the caller felt looked like explosive devices. An officer planned to take the items back to the stations. He reported they were not bombs, just trash, and disposed of them.

Monday, Dec. 27 - At 9:53 a.m., a sergeant reported a water pipe break on Porter Road and requested the water and highway departments respond.

At 12:36 p.m., an Andover woman reported her 16-year-old daughter missing. The girl had last been seen at 8:30 p.m., at a friends house, the previous day.

At 1:28 p.m., a man called to report his sister has threatened suicide. An officer responded and said the woman was with her husband and speaking with her therapist.

At 9:06 p.m., a restraining order was served to a man in Andover.

At 9:10 p.m., a caller requested someone check on a female resident they felt might be depressed and suicidal. An officer reported the person was not home.

Tuesday, Dec. 28 - At 1:58 p.m., an officer served a restraining order to a man at an Andover business.

Wednesday, Dec. 29 - At 12:34 a.m., after a Tage Inn employee reported some underage kids in a room that he felt were drinking and smoking marijuana, an officer reported finding empty beer bottles and the smell of marijuana in the room. The occupants were made to clean up the mess and told to leave the inn.

BREAKS

Friday, Dec. 24 - At 6:12 a.m., a Pad-dock Lane caller reported a possible attempted break, because a motion detector alarm had gone off. The caller's hus-

band also found a window open. A short while later an officer reported that everything seemed to be in order, and the open window was 15 feet off the ground.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Dec. 22 - At 10:13 p.m., a Lowell Street gas station reported that someone had just left without paying for gas. A check of the license plate showed that the vehicle had been stolen from Malden. This information was shared with area police.

Tuesday, Dec. 28 - At 6:18 p.m., a Shipman Road resident reported that someone was using her name and Social Security number to get credit.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Thursday, Dec. 23 - At 6:36 p.m., a Longwood Drive man reported the theft of a stereo from his car.

Sunday, Dec. 26 - At 6:47 a.m., a security guard at the Ramada Rolling Green reported someone had broken into his car and stolen his stereo during the night.

ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 22 - At 2:22 p.m., an officer reported a vehicle had just crashed into a house on North Main Street. Building inspectors were contacted and the officer issued the driver a citation for making an unsafe lane change.

At 3:28 p.m., an officer was to file on a hit-and-run accident that occurred the previous day on Federal Street.

Thursday, Dec. 23 - At 9:23 a.m., a man reported a hit-and-run on his car while it was parked in a Poor Street lot.

At 12:28 p.m., a motorist came into the station to report he had the plate number of a car that had hit his car and then driven off while his car was parked near Elm Square.

At 4:10 p.m., an accident with injury was reported on North Main Street between a small school bus without passengers and another vehicle.

At 8:20 p.m., there was a report of a dog hit by a car on River Road. An officer took the dog to the animal hospital.

Saturday, Dec. 25 - At 5:16 a.m., an accident with injury was reported on Rattlesnake Hill Road, after someone reported a car had hit a tree.

VANDALISM

There were two reported cases this week.

Building ...

(Continued from page 1)

ing also voted for a new senior center. However, the Friends of Andover Seniors fund-raising group must collect about \$4 million in cash from a lot more friends before construction will begin. Until then, workers cannot act on the plan to turn Phillips Academy's Williams Hall into the town's next senior center.

Two other large, construction projects approved at 1999 Town Meeting were a pair of multi-million-dollar sewer extensions. The larger of these two projects, a more than \$22-million North Main Street and Ballardvale area sewer project, will be built over the next several years.

Also in 1999, school officials prepared concrete plans for two new schools, while two selectmen pursued two different ideas for a future youth center.

The plan for two new schools off Cross Street will come to a vote at Town Meeting 2000, along with plans

for bringing more sewer lines and sidewalks into that area. Construction will not begin until a debt-exclusion override to pay for the schools is approved.

Meanwhile, both youth center discussions remain, at this point, only discussions.

But plans for the future did not just address building projects in 1999.

Residents worked with town officials in 1999 to create a prioritized plan for repairing sidewalks. Residents, such as those in the Downtown Andover Neighborhood Association, have pushed officials to develop this plan, and in 1999 \$600,000 was allocated for sidewalk repair. A five-year prioritized sidewalk repairs plan discussed in 1999 also seeks another \$600,000 each of the next five years and will be



Public safety center — about to be retired.

reviewed by selectmen before Town Meeting 2000.

Residents have also been actively involved in the formation of a plan to redesign Recreation Park. As a result of these 1999 discussions, a plan to improve Rec Park by bringing three fields to the gravel pit will appear at 2000 Town Meeting.

Andover has seen heavy discussion to improve traffic and safety on town streets during 1999.

While town officials this year have prepared to use a \$2-million grant from the state to improve Main Street, residents have also encouraged officials to consider plans to improve the safety of other interstate, state and town roads.

Some action did occur to improve Andover roads. The breakdown lane of Interstate 93 was open to traffic during rush hour in 1999, and the state and town took other actions to improve the safety of Route 125 and some small side streets in town that are used as short cuts by people who work in town.

But officials say further plans are needed, such as a multi-governmental plan to open a new ramp off of Interstate 93 into Ballardvale.

NEWS FOR SENIORS

Currier Gallery trip

A trip to the Currier Art Museum in Manchester, N.H., to view the only New England showing of the Maxfield Parrish exhibit is planned for Thursday, Jan. 6. Only 25 slots are available. Reservations are \$26, which include lunch, transportation and museum.

Fix-it shop

The fix-it shop will be open Tuesday, Jan. 24, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Movie matinee

The comedy film, *The Money Pit*, starring Tom Hanks and Shelly Long, will be shown Monday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m. After being evicted from their Manhattan apartment, the couple buy the house of their dreams only to find it's a house of money-eating horrors. Everyone is welcome. The Senior Center extends its appreciation to Andover Video for their generosity.

Pharaohs of the Sun exhibit

Twenty-five tickets have been purchased to The Pharaohs of the Sun exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts for Friday, Jan. 14. Nearly 300 pieces of sculpture, reliefs, paintings, ceramics, clothing, tools and furniture, many never before on public display in the United States, are on view. Objects have been gathered from more than 35 museums and private collections

around the world. Cost is \$22.

Needle art class

The 10-week needleart class will begin Monday, Jan. 10, under the instruction of Carolyn Mattedi. The cost is \$20. For more information, call Carolyn at 470-0357.

Computer classes winter session

Registration for the winter session of computer classes will be held Wednesday, Jan. 12, and Friday, Jan. 14, at 1:30 p.m. in the Senior Center. Classes for beginners and novices, Internet training, word processing and print shop will be offered. For more information, call Merle Schreurs at 475-8450.

Computer seminar

The Senior Center and Memorial Hall Library will cosponsor a free computer seminar Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. in the second floor meeting room of the library. The seminar is geared towards those with little or no experience, and will cover computer components, terms and programs such as data management and word processing. The demonstration will be on a large projection screen for easy viewing. Registration is not required.

Newcomers' coffee hour

A newcomers' coffee hour will be held Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 9:30 a.m. Find out more about

what will be offered at the center during the upcoming year. We'll do our best to answer questions or listen to ideas and concerns.

December \$1,000 club winners

Elizabeth Jenney won \$1,000, Phil Froberg, \$100, and Gilbert DeMoor, Daniel Rabinovitz, Richard Comins and William Baldwin Sr., \$50 each. Agent awards went to Charles Waldie and Edna Powell.

Senior Center closed

The Senior Center and other town offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 31, and will reopen Monday, Jan. 3.

MediaOne discounts

MediaOne will implement new criteria for receiving discounted cable rates for Andover senior subscribers, effective Jan. 1. To

qualify you must be at least 65 years or older; head of the household; and meet any one of these three criteria: Medicaid eligible; receive Mass. fuel assistance; receive Supplemental Social Security income.

Qualifying seniors will continue to receive a 10-percent monthly discount off Basic 1 level service (currently 65 cents). An added discount will be made to total basic subscribers (Basic 1, 2 and 3) at a rate of \$2 off the total basic monthly charge (currently \$29.81), an increase of \$1.35.

If you've already met the criteria and received discounted rates in the past, no action is necessary — any discount offered will automatically be applied. Any senior who has not qualified for past discounts but does now should call 1-888-MediaOne to receive the necessary eligibility forms.

— By Pat Becker

Cause of illnesses still 'inconclusive'

Information that would determine the cause of an illness experienced by many Saints Memorial Hospital employees who ate at the Indian Ridge Country Club this month is "still inconclusive," says Everett Penney, Andover's Director of Public Health.

More than 40 hospital employees fell ill after the company's Christmas party Dec. 3, at Indian Ridge.

Some employees believe the illness was a result of food poisoning.

The Andover Health Department is working with the state Department of Public Health to analyze data from the case, which includes stool samples from employees, questionnaires from hospital employees who attended

the banquet, and information gathered from a health inspection of the club's kitchen, Penney says.

While evidence so far suggests the illnesses were viral rather than bacterial or food-borne, not all the evidence is in, Penney says.

Of the 73 questionnaires that have been returned so far, many indicate that guests ate the same food at the event, he says.

While six of the 24 samples from employees at the club have been analyzed, none of first six show any sign of a bacteria that could have been transferred from a worker to a food served to guests.

"My characterization is that the source of the outbreak is inconclusive," Penney says.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

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Short cuts

Neil Fater



Disappointed world no longer a teenager

The day before my 10th birthday, I remember being dentist-office nervous.

The problem was, I knew I would never again be "in the single digits." My age would have two digits from that birthday until the day I turned 100.

I was getting old.

Now, I knew most kids looked forward to this event.

In fact, most people can't wait to be teenagers, and once they turn 13, can't wait to get older so they can drive, go off on their own and enjoy their freedom.

But once most people turn 20, and then 30, 40, 50, they realize that leaving the teen years isn't all it's cracked up to be.

That's exactly why the Year 2000 is letting everyone down.

For the past 100 years there's been a big fuss about the year 2000. Like children, we've believed that once we hit that magical date, civilization would be a joy to behold.

All those futuristic movies and *Space 1999* television shows promised us not just the world, but the universe.

And now, here we are about to hit 2000, and most people aren't even satisfied with their New Year's party. We don't even know if traffic lights will work that night.

I mean, where are the flying cars? The pills you can live on? The *Judy Jetsons*?

"I was a child of the '60s, and we really truly believed that we'd be living on other planets now," says Karen Trefry, the senior center nutritionist, who feels a bit let down by the big 2000. "I also thought there'd be a cure for cancer."

But Trefry and the rest of us are just going to have to forget about traveling to other solar systems for now. Heck, we can't even get our remote-control toys to come back from the planet next door.

Yet, if you think about it, none of this should come as a surprise.

In fact, we really shouldn't be disappointed about where we are now.

After all, knock off a pair of zeroes, and the world is just turning 20. For the first time in 700 years, the world won't be a teen. When you ask what year it is, the answer will no longer start "Nineteen..."

So there's still plenty of time for the scientists of earth to grow and learn and create.

Think of it this way. In civilization years, humankind in the year 2000 is not even old enough to rent a car yet.

Which is probably a good thing, since we'd just ding the foolish thing trying to do doughnuts on Mars anyway.

Ring in 2000, Andover style!

With the Year 2000 finally upon us, that can mean only one thing in Andover — the town's Millennium celebration, titled Andover 2000, is also upon us.

The festivities, which begin at 4 p.m. and continue until midnight, will take place on the Andover High School/West Middle School campus and feature a laser light show at 8 and 11:30 p.m. produced by the award-winning AVI of Orlando, Fla.

Andover 2000 Millennium buttons, on sale for \$10, are good for admission to all events and for the use of a shuttle bus provided by Trombly Motor Coach, which will make stops at Market Basket, Old Town Hall and West Elementary School.

New events added to the evening's festivities include a performance by the Chinese Cultural Exchange of Andover. Two dance troupes will perform at the West Middle School auditorium from 6-6:30 p.m.

The Exchange will also have members at four different stations in the school from 5-7 p.m. They will feature mask making, face painting, paper folding and Pokemon.

Brownie Troop 769 from Doherty Middle School will also participate, offering craft projects including face painting from 6-8 p.m.

The celebration begins with an inter-faith service at South Church. Other events are as follows:

- 5-6 p.m., pajama party, West Middle School Cafeteria;
- 6-7 p.m., singer, West Middle School cafeteria;
- 5-9 p.m., Game Show Mania, West Middle School Auditorium;
- 5-10:30 p.m., food court, Andover

That sinking feeling

What would you put in a Year 2000 time capsule?

By Neil Fater

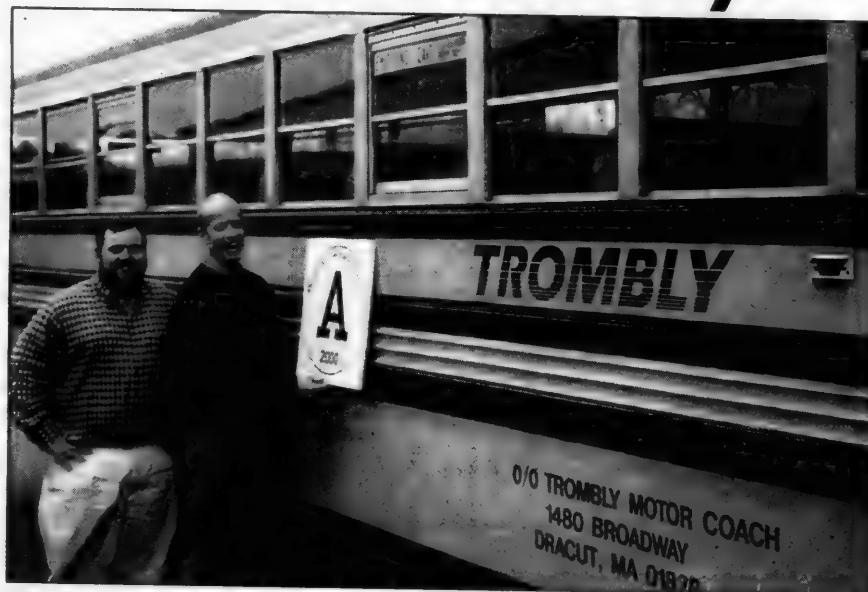
It's difficult enough to find something to represent the last 100 years, let alone the last 1000. But we still asked Andover workers and residents what they would sink into a time capsule, to represent either the past century or the present time.

There were more answers than there are basements stocked with spring water.

People suggested everything from a Victrola and 45s, to the latest in cellular phones and car blueprints, to a Star magazine with Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinski on it.

But one man had a bit of experience in the matter.

Ted Cole, of River Street, says that when his grandson, Alexander Edward, was born in 1989 he created a time capsule for him. Included were things like a newspaper from his birth-



Magic bus — Mike Trombly, Jr. and Sr., have the bus that will take residents into the next millennium, or at least to Andover's millennium party on New Year's Eve.

High cafeteria;

- 6-11 p.m., Extreme Games and DJ, high school field house;
- 6-8 p.m. Family sock hop, West Middle School Gym;
- 5-8 p.m., balloons, clown and a caricaturist, West Middle School hallway;
- 4:30-6:30 p.m. Mary Karl Band, AHS Dunn Gymnasium;
- 6:30-8 p.m., brass, jazz, dixie music, Dunn Gymnasium;
- 7:30-8 p.m. outdoor laser show;
- 8-11 p.m., swing dance, Dunn Gymnasium;
- 11 p.m.-midnight, outdoor laser show, countdown to midnight millennium, \$10 Millennium button needed

for all events.

Food vendors, who will be open at the high school from 5-10 p.m., include:

- Dili Dali Deli, which will offer beef stew, chili, nachos and various sandwiches;
- Domino's, which will have pizza and buffalo wings;
- South Side Singers will offer Dunkin Donuts coffee and pastries;
- The Andover Senior Center with homemade cookies;
- Andover Junior Football League, with Kayem hot dogs, chips, soda and glow sticks.
- Band parents, with Pepsi products, Cronin's ice cream and oatmeal and chocolate-chip cookies.

day, a calendar, catalogs of that year's cars, and sets of the coins, stamps, hot toys and baseball cards from that year.

"My grandson will get that when he's 22 years old — plus a bottle of wine," says Cole.

"I think a similar approach to the millennium is to let them know what happened 100 years before," he says. "Maybe you should include a book on what our computers consisted of. Let them know exactly what it was like to live at this point in time."

Layne Whitley wants to make sure that the natural world is preserved.

That's why she says she wants the time capsule filled with "seeds, to replant the trees. Non-hormonal and genetically unaltered seeds."

Leslie Whitley suggests including the writings of John Updike, Robert Frost and Maya Angelou.

Other people want to include per-

sonal items that hit closer to home.

Chocoholic Debbie Ryan, the Senior Center's intake coordinator, would include chocolate. "I think it would taste even better," she says.

Barbara Lightfoot, the senior center cook, would put in a cook book.

"An old one. I have an old American Yankee cookbook. You figure in 100 years all that stuff is going to be thrown away," she says. "Your real old recipes called for lard. Now, the recipes call for butter. By then they'll call for air."

Many people suggested tapes of town meetings and other events.

"I think I'd want a history of the wars we've suffered, so history won't repeat itself. I've been touched by every war that's happened," says Karen Trefry, nutritionist.

But town driver Edward Mazzaglia

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Capping off the century

(WELL GROUNDED, from page 23)

figures such important events will never be forgotten.

"I watch the history channel. I'm always watching things about World War II. I don't think the Holocaust or things like that will ever fade from people's minds," he says. "It has to be current things that people will forget."

"I would put in pictures. Have you ever looked at your yearbook and cracked up laughing at your hair or your clothes?" says Barbara Hood, a police dispatcher who will work Dec. 31. "That and newspaper clippings — and prices."

Hood would also include a pack of cigarettes, because she figures they'll be gone by then.

Fellow dispatcher Patricia Ward

Children and music

Music Together of the Andovers, 197 Haggetts Pond Road, invites people and their infant, toddler and preschool children to an open house on Monday, Jan. 3, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for demonstration classes.

Music Together is "a music and movement approach to early childhood that develops every child's opportunity for basic music competence by encouraging music experience rather than learning of information about music," says a release. "Families are encouraged to attend class together so all children in the same family can learn music and movement activities to enjoy at home."

To schedule a demonstration class time, call Rosemary Halloran at 688-3326.

would include photos of the current town buildings with information on how they are used.

"The school that my mother graduated from is a condominium complex now," she says.

Kevin Winters would include a microwave. "They wouldn't even know what it is," says Winters. "They'll say, 'Look at that! It took them 30 seconds to cook an egg. How did they wait that long?' By then, they'll be able to cook it right in the bird."

Gould Road's Robert Piercy, asked what he'd put in the capsule, simply held up a framed picture of a cute baby girl.

"This," he says. "That's my great-granddaughter, Alexis."

By 2100, Alexis will be 100 years and six months old — just wise enough to say what should be included in the next time capsule.

"She might live that long," says Piercy. "My wife is 84 now."

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, Dec. 30

Rest up; no events scheduled.

FRIDAY, Dec. 31

Andover Millennium, sponsored by town of Andover, 4 p.m., ecumenical service, South Church; 5-6 p.m., pajama party, West Middle School Cafeteria; 6-7 p.m., singer, West Middle School cafeteria; 5-9 p.m., Game Show Mania, West Middle School Auditorium; 5-10:30 p.m., food court, Andover High cafeteria; 6-11 p.m., Extreme Games and DJ, high school field house; 5-8 p.m., balloons, clown, caricaturist, West Middle School hallway; 4:30-6:30 p.m. Mary Karl Band, AHS Dunn Gymnasium; 6:30-8 p.m., brass, jazz, dixie music, Dunn Gymnasium; 7:30-8 p.m. outdoor laser show; 8-11 p.m., swing dance, Dunn Gymnasium; 11p.m.-midnight, outdoor laser show, countdown to midnight millennium, \$10 Millennium button needed for all events.

Apocalypse, movie sponsored by New England Bible Church, 7 p.m., 60 Chandler Road; 475-4381.

Comedy Palace, featuring Bob Gautreau, Joe Matarese, Al March, 9 p.m., Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

SATURDAY, Jan. 1

Millennium auction preview, sponsored by Kaminski Auctioneers, antique furniture and rugs from Hitesman estate in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, 5-8 p.m., Andover/Lawrence Elk's Hall, 652 Andover St., Lawrence; (978) 927-2223.

Comedy Palace, featuring Larry Myles, Joe Matarese, Al March, 8 and 10:30 p.m., see Friday, Dec. 31, entry.

SUNDAY, Jan. 2

Millennium auction, preview, 8:30-11 a.m., auction, 11 a.m., see Saturday, Jan. 1, entry.

MONDAY, Jan. 3

Meeting, Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack, discussion of General Robert E. Lee, 7:30 p.m., Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High St., Newburyport; Tom (978) 462-8518.

Open house, sponsored by Music Together of the Andovers, demonstrations, for infant, toddler and preschool children, 10-11:30 a.m.; Rosemary Halloran 688-3326.

TUESDAY, Jan. 4

Jazz, sponsored by Casa Vecchia, featuring the Chris Taylor Trio, wheelchair accessible, 7:30-10:30

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CALENDAR

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p.m., \$5 cover charge, Route 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

THURSDAY, Jan. 6

Breakfast seminar, by Marland Place, "How to Increase Your Energy by 300%," 9-10 a.m., 15 Stevens St.; RSVP by Jan. 3, Casey Barbaro 475-4225.

FRIDAY, Jan. 7

Comedy Escape, featuring Kevin Knox, Greg Boggis, Walter Dixon, 9:30 p.m., \$10-\$12, China Blossom, Routes 125 and 133, North Andover; 1-800-401-2221.

Comedy Palace, featuring Carl Yard, 9 p.m., see Friday, Dec. 31, entry.

SATURDAY, Jan. 8

Concert, featuring Atwater and Donnelly, 8 p.m., \$12, Crossroads Coffeehouse, North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 190 Academy Road; 687-3960.

Comedy Escape, see Friday, Jan. 7, entry.

Comedy Palace, featuring Carl Yard, 8 and 10:30 p.m., see Friday, Dec. 31, entry.

SUNDAY, Jan. 9

Auditions, sponsored by Colonial Chorus Players, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, 7 p.m., Old Hose House, 1249 Main St., Reading; Tom Coffin (781) 245-1488 or Mary Ryan (781) 324-4475.

Open house, sponsored by Brookwood School, 1-3 p.m., Manchester, Mass.; (978) 526-4500.

Cross-country ski/hike, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club, not for beginners, leader's choice; RSVP by Jan. 7, Larry Blood (781) 944-0929.

Concert, sponsored by South Church, featuring Boston Recorder Society's Performance Consort, 10:30 a.m. service, 41 Central St.; 475-0321.

ONGOING Theatre

Norman, Is That You?, Dec. 30-Jan. 21 Thursday-Saturday, 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 show, Sunday dinner 5 p.m., show 6:30 p.m. show-only \$10.50-\$12.50, dinner-show, \$22-\$30, Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; (978) 388-9444.



Hey, Norman! — Players tackle comedy, in Amesbury.

Cloud Tectonics, Jan. 12-Feb. 6, Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m., \$18.50-\$32.50, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell; (978) 454-3926.

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Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, *Referencing the Past: Six Contemporary Artists*, through Jan. 2, 2000, *Parallel Perspectives: Early Twentieth Century American Art*, through Feb. 13, Phillips Academy campus, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; (978) 749-4015.



Loopy perspective — Edward Hopper's 1928 Manhattan Bridge Loop.

Brush Art Gallery, Vassilios "Bill" Giavis: Survey of a Copley Master, through Jan. 16, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell; (978) 459-7819.

Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art, amateur and professional photographers of all ages, through Jan. 21, Tuesday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m., wheelchair accessible, \$3, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; (781) 729-1158.

Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery, works selected as gift-giving, through Jan. 2, *Reflections and Memories 1900-1999*, Jan. 5-Feb. 27, *Portsmouth Past and Present*, Jan. 5-Feb. 27, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 136 State St., Portsmouth, N.H.; (603) 431-4230.

Mingo Gallery, *Images from Ibiza*, recent works of Jim Latina, through Jan. 14, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly; (978) 927-5964.

Montserrat College of Art Gallery, *Essential Gesture*, an exhibition of paintings, drawings and sculpture by David Newton, Lloyd Martin and

Mara Metcalf, Jan. 12-Feb. 19, Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon-4 p.m., 23 Essex St., Beverly; (978) 921-4242.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, 623-8321.

Museums and Historic Homes

American Textile History Museum, *Dressed for the Part: Hollywood Costumes from the Silver Screen*, through March 12, 2000, wheelchair accessi-

ble, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., \$10 adults, \$7, seniors, students, group members; free for children under 6, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; (978) 441-0400.

Andover Historical Society permanent exhibit Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, containing period rooms from 1820s to 1840s, with 19th-century farm and woodworking tools, library and office hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, Mondays by appointment; \$4 adults, \$2 children, members free; Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., 475-2236.

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OBITUARIES

Giuseppe Marinaro Master clothing designer, former president of Polo, Ralph Lauren Corp.

Giuseppe "Joe" Marinaro, 72, of Bellevue Road died Friday, Dec. 24, at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, N.H.

Mr. Marinaro was born in Bonefro, Italy, and came to the United States after living in Canada for a short time.

When he was 24 years old he began a career in New York City that brought him to the head of an internationally known company that is a leader in fashion and clothing. He was a master designer and vice president of Brookfield clothing and in 1985 became president of Polo, Ralph Lauren Corp., a company with offices in New York City and Lawrence.

He was past president of International Association of Clothing Designers.

After he retired, Mr. Marinaro volunteered as adviser and teacher at Greater Lawrence Vocational Technical High School and did custom designing at Enzo of Andover.

He was a member of St. Robert Bellarmine Church.

Members of his family include his wife of 39 years, Gilda (Tonelli) Marinaro of Andover; sons, Anthony Marinaro and Joseph Marinaro, both of Andover, and Michael Marinaro of Westfield and his wife, Suzanne Marinaro; daughters and sons-in-law, Tere-

sa and Stephen Trowbridge of Derry, N.H., and Linda and Brian McLoughlin of Goffstown, N.H. sisters, Carmela DiBiase of Conneaut, Ohio, and Santa Colombo of Bonefro, Italy; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was said Wednesday at St. Robert Bellarmine Church. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1818, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Joan M. Belisle Homemaker, lived in Andover for 40 years

Joan M. (Crawford) Belisle, 67, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, N.H., following a battle with cancer.

Mrs. Belisle was born in Brooklyn but moved to Lawrence as a child where she attended schools and graduated from Lawrence High in 1949. She had lived in Andover for more than 40 years.

Mrs. Belisle was a homemaker.

Members of her family include her husband of 49 years, Walter Belisle of Andover; sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and

Christine Belisle of New Boston, N.H., and Richard and Kathy Belisle of Winslow, Maine; daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Joel Tozier of Waterville, Maine; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was said Friday in St. Robert Bellarmine Church. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home Inc. in Methuen.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice or any cancer management fund.

Anna Lee Earley Longtime member of Free Christian Church

Anna Lee (Rumbaugh) Earley, 69, of Andover died Friday, Dec. 23, after a long battle with ovarian cancer.

Mrs. Early was born in Uniontown, Pa. She graduated from Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing in 1950.

She had lived in Andover since 1960.

Mrs. Early was a longtime member of Free Christian Church.

Members of her family include her sons, William Joseph Earley Jr. of New Ipswich, N.H., and his wife, Luella Reed-Earley, Daniel M. Earley of Nashua, N.H., and his wife, Krista (Coburn) Earley, Stephen P. Earley of Andover, and David C. Earley of Tewksbury and his wife, Cheryl (Fletcher) Earley; brothers, Sonny Rumbaugh, Ronnie Rumbaugh, Arley Rumbaugh and Tim Rumbaugh, all of Dawson, Pa.; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was the widow of William Joseph Earley.

A funeral service was held Wednesday in Free Christian Church. Burial was in St. Augustine Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gillette Center for Cancer, Massachusetts General Hospital, Cox Building 120, 100 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114.

Alice Johnson Former head baker for Andover schools

Alice (Herbert) Johnson, 85, of Florence Street died Thursday, Dec. 23, at Wingate at

OBITUARIES

Joan M. Belisle, 67

Anna Lee Earley, 69

Agnes B. Flint Cross, 93

Alice Johnson, 85

Irma Lukacs, 60

Giuseppe Marinaro, 72

Rita M. Murphy, 86

Agnes A. Roberts, 67

James T. Stewart, 85

Froma Tayrkina, 77

Walter N. Webster, 97

Deaths Elsewhere

LUKACS - Irma (Balogh) Lukacs, 60, of Salem, N.H., died Tuesday, Dec. 21, at Wingate at Andover. Members of her family include her sister, Theresa Levay of Andover.

MARTIN - Doris M. Martin, 71, of Methuen died Saturday, Dec. 25, at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center. Members of her family include her brother, James W. Martin of Andover.

MURPHY - Rita M. (Hayes) Murphy, 86, of Lawrence died Monday, Dec. 20, at Nevins Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Methuen.

Members of her family include her daughter-in-law, Wendy E. Murphy of Andover.

Andover just hours after being admitted.

Mrs. Johnson was born in North Reading and raised and educated in Andover.

She was head baker for Andover public school system before she went to work at Raytheon Corp. in Andover. She retired in 1979 after 18 years with the company.

Mrs. Johnson was a member of Andover Baptist Church and its Friendly Circle. She and her late husband, Clarence Johnson, summered at Hampton Beach, N.H., for many years.

Members of her family include her daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Robert Hinckley of North Andover; sister, Edith Swanson of Lawrence; and several nieces and nephews.

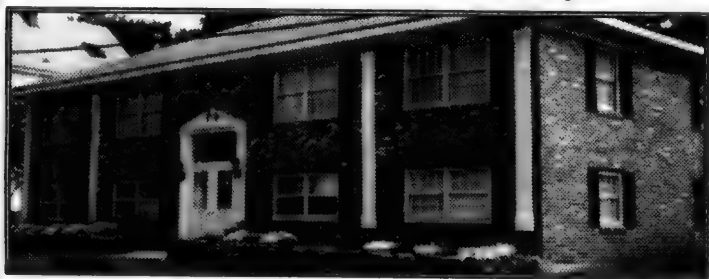
Funeral services were held Monday at Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery.

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Agnes A. Roberts Born in Andover, Punchard High graduate

Agnes A. "Mickey" (McAtamney) Roberts, 67, of Salem, N.H., died Monday, Dec. 20, at home.

Mrs. Roberts was born in Andover and was a graduate of St. Augustine Grammar School and Punchard High School.

She had lived in Salem for 46 years.

Mrs. Roberts was a former inspector and tester for Raytheon Corp. of Andover.

She was a charter member and past president of the Derry-Salem Emblem Club and a member of St. Joseph Church in Salem, where she was active in the Bible study group.

Members of her family include her husband, Armand "Gus" Roberts of Salem; son and daughter-in-law, Michael L. and Debra Roberts, also of Salem; daughter and son-in-law, Ellen Marie and John Lemieux of Framingham; sisters-in-law, Eileen McAtamney of Lawrence and Arlene Hoyt of Randolph; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home, 214 Main St., Salem, N.H.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, Dec. 30, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Church. Burial will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery, in Salem, N.H.

Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01841, or to American Lung Association of N.H., 456 Beech St., Manchester, N.H. 03103.

James T. Stewart Former resident, MIT grad

James T. Stewart, 85, of South Hadley died Sunday, Dec. 26, at Buckley Nursing Home and Rehabilitation in Holyoke.

Mr. Stewart was born in Boston. He graduated from Massachusetts Insti-

tute of Technology in 1936.

Before moving to South Hadley 33 years ago, he lived in Andover.

Members of his family include his wife, Winifred May (Ratcliffe) Stewart and four children.

The funeral and burial were at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements were by Ryder Funeral Home of South Hadley.

Memorial contributions may be made to Appalachian Mountain Club. Attn: Norie Mozzone, 5 Joy St., Boston, MA 02108.

Froma Tayrkina Born in Russia

Froma Tayrkina, 77, of 89 Morton St. died Friday, Dec. 24, at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. Tayrkina was born in Russia and had lived in St. Petersburg, Russia, for many years before coming to this country.

Members of her family include her daughter and son-in-law, Yelena and Yakov Yakirevich of North Andover; son and daughter-in-law, Vadim and Sofiya Gavrina Morochnik; sister, Rebecca Muchnik of Brighton; and two grandchildren.

She was the widow of Leonid Morochnik.

Services were held Sunday at Stanestky-Hymanson Memorial Chapel in Salem.

Burial was in Ahavath Achim Anshe Sfar Cemetery in Lynn.

Walter N. Webster Former president, chairman of H.K. Webster Co.; active in Boy Scouts, Boys Club, YMCA and United Way

Walter N. Webster, 97, died Friday, Dec. 24, in Lexington.

Mr. Webster was born and educated in Lawrence. He graduated from Phillips Academy in 1919 and from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1923 with a degree in naval architecture and marine engineering.

Mr. Webster worked for New England Telephone and Telegraph in Boston in general engineering and machine switching traffic engineering departments and for H.K. Webster Co. in 1928 as production manager. He supervised modernization and development of a large feed plant in Richford, Vt., in 1941.

Mr. Webster was executive vice president, treasurer, president and chairman of the board of H.K. Webster Co. Inc., which was founded by his grandfather, and retired in 1967. He programmed extensive computer applications for the company from 1967 to 1983.

Mr. Webster was a member and trustee of United Methodist Church of Lawrence and treasurer of trustees from 1946 to 1972 and trustee of the New Hampshire Conference of United Methodist Church from 1946 to 1948.

He was a member of Tuscan Lodge since 1925, St. Matthew Lodge since 1968, AF&AM, York Rite and Scottish Rite since 1930. He was potent master

of Lawrence Lodge of Perfection from 1941 to 1943 and a charter member and first sovereign prince, Zion Council Princes of Jerusalem from 1961 to 1962.

Mr. Webster was bestowed honorary 33rd degree of Supreme Council of Scottish Rite in 1946 and received the Scottish Rite Meritorious Service Award in 1965.

He was trustee of Lawrence Masonic Association, honorary director of Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts in 1976 and a member of the building committee of the Masonic Nursing Home in Charlton from 1972 to 1975.

Mr. Webster was grand representative of the Grand Lodge to New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts from 1970 to 1981 and a trustee of DeMolay Foundation of Massachusetts in 1967. He received the Henry Price Medal for service to the Grand Lodge in 1975 and the Fifty-Year veterans Medal in Masonry in 1976.

He was a Boy Scout master from 1927 to 1929 and had been a director of Lawrence Boys Club since 1942 and a member of the club's building committee. He was past director of YMCA and president from 1950 to 1953 and served on YMCA state and national councils. Mr. Webster was chairman of the building committee for the Andover/North Andover YMCA from 1971 to 1974.

He was general chairman of the United Fund in 1958, past director and president of the fund from 1959 to 1960, served on the National Council of

Community Funds and was a member of the building committee of the United Fund of Lawrence.

Mr. Webster was past director and chairman of finance committee of Atlantic Cooperative Bank and trustee of Essex-Broadway Savings Bank.

He was past president of Lawrence Rotary Club, past director of Lawrence Chamber of Commerce and served on the national committee of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Webster was a member of the building committee for Andover High from 1965 to 1969.

Mr. Webster was a member of "Plan 100" and general chairman of the Mayor's citizen advisory committee of Lawrence from 1960 to 1962.

He received the Ralph Wilkinson Award as Outstanding Citizen of the Greater Lawrence community in 1962.

Members of his family include his daughter, Jacqueline W. Johnson of Middleton; son and daughter-in-law, R. Kingman and Dee Webster of Andover; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was the widower of Florence E. (Bake) Webster.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at United Methodist Church in Lawrence. Burial was private.

Arrangements were by Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home of Methuen.

Memorial contributions may be made to United Methodist Church, 207 Haverhill St., Lawrence, MA 01842, or to Lawrence General Hospital, 1 General St., Lawrence, MA 01841.

RELIGION

Local churches offer 10-week course on fundamentals of faith

The Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St., and Brookridge Community Church, 16 Haverhill St., are working together to offer the Alpha Course: A Practical Introduction to the Christian Faith.

The course begins Thursday, Jan. 13, and runs for 10 weeks, meeting every Thursday at the church from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Free Christian Church. It will also be offered on Friday evenings by the Brookridge Community Church, beginning Jan. 14.

Both churches have offered this course in the past. Participants have found that it has been helpful in clarifying some issues for them and many found their faith deepen through taking the course.

Each evening will begin with a meal. Then a video will be shown on some aspect of the Christian faith. After viewing the video, small-group discussions about the material presented in the video will take place.

What is the meaning of life? What happens when we die? What relevance does Jesus have for our lives? How do we deal with guilt?

If you would like to explore questions like these, then Alpha is for you.

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P — The P is for People meeting together. An opportunity to get to know others and to make new friends.

H — The H is for Helping one another. The small groups give you a chance to discuss issues raised during the talks.

A — The second A is for Ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is seen as too simple or too hostile.

There is no charge for the course, but a small donation will be requested for dinner. The course is being offered to anyone in the community, whether they attend a church or not. Call the Free Christian Church at (978) 475-0700 to register for the Thursday course. Call Roselle at 470-2651 to register for the Friday evening course.

Late Deaths

Flint Cross — Agnes B. (Ashton) Flint Cross, 93, 15 Stevens St., died Tuesday at the North Shore Hospital in Peabody.

Born and educated in Lynn, she was a member of Lynnfield Community Church. Mrs. Flint Cross was a homemaker. She was the widow of Lester Flint and Percy Cross, and leaves nieces Grace (Mutux) Bernardin of Andover, and Donna (Ashton) Cunningham of South Meriden, Conn.; and a nephew, Kenneth Ashton of Englewood, Fla. She was also mother of the late Urban Flint.

Graveside services will be today, Thursday, at 1 p.m. at Pine Grove Cemetery in Lynn.

Arrangements are by Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Business

Business briefs ...

Stowe presents \$1,000 check to Wentworth

Kenneth H. Stowe, of Andover, director of project services for George B. H. Macomber Co., Boston, recently presented a \$1,000 check from the construction firm to **Frederick Gould**, professor of construction sciences at Wentworth Institute of Technology and faculty adviser to the student chapter of the Associated General Contractors. The contribution will support student participation in a regional competition of the Associated Schools of Construction, which will take place in February in Matamoras, Pa.



Kenneth Stowe



Karla Branchaud



Julie Chechik

YMCA announces new hires

Karla A. Branchaud is the new member retention coordinator at the Andover/North Andover Branch of the Merrimack Valley YMCA. She is in charge of developing programming for preschool youth and adult special interest classes and workshops. Branchaud earned a B.A. degree in international relations in 1989 from Wheaton College and a master's degree in education administration from Boston University in 1991. She lives in Tewksbury with her husband, **Thomas Branchaud**.

Julie Chechik is the new member services manager responsible for supervising front desk member service operations. Chechik is a graduate of State University of New York/Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City, with a degree in marketing. She lives in North Andover with her husband, **David Chechik**.

T.R. White construction firm is growing fast

T.R. White Co. Inc. has been named in the 1999 "Inc. 500"; a list of the 500

fastest-growing private companies published by *Inc.* magazine.

Tim White, President of T.R. White and a lifelong resident of Andover, is thrilled at his 10-year-old company's achievement. "We survived through the early '90s — a time when other once-successful companies were folding up. Looking back, it was a pretty risky time to start a construction company. But when you have an outstanding team of professionals working towards the same goals, it all becomes very possible," says White.

Today, the company employs approximately 50 people and holds a \$30-million bonding capacity. The company prides itself on repeat customers including Boston Wharf Co., Boston University, Boston Medical, and Cathartes Investments.

The range of project types is also varied, including the new and open-for-business **Crate & Barrel** on Boylston Street, Boston; **Fort Point Place Condominiums** in the Seaport district; **Brackett Elementary School** in Arlington; and **Boston Medical's** state-of-the-art MRI addition.

The Boston-based general contracting firm, ranked at No. 198, is the area's only general contracting firm to be named on this year's list. Also, only 5 percent of the "Inc. 500" companies represented the construction field.

Dr. Dollard to volunteer at Dental Congress.

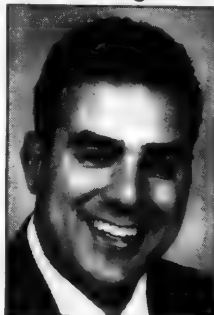
Paul Dollard, DDS, of Andover, has agreed to serve as a volunteer for the 25th Yankee Dental Congress, which will convene Jan. 20-23 at Boston's Hynes Convention Center. The Malden dentist is a member of the Social and Cultural Committee.

Yankee Dental Congress, the fifth largest dental meeting in the country, is sponsored by the Massachusetts Dental Society in cooperation with the Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island Dental associations.

Princeton Properties promotes Pereira in Andover

Princeton Properties Management Inc., a company that acquires and manages apartments, furnished suites and extended stay hotels, has promoted **Dan Pereira** general manager for the Hawthorn Suites Hotel in Andover.

The current general manager of the Hawthorn Suites Hotel in Chelmsford will be overseeing the management and operations of the Andover property when it opens in February 2000. Pereira will



Dan Pereira



Social investment — Andover's **James P. Palermo** (right), of Mellon/The Boston Co., chats with **Bill Galvin** of Scudder Kemper Investments and **Francis J. McNamara III** of State Street Research and Management (left and center) at the fifth annual United Way Investment Industry Breakfast earlier this month. About 300 industry leaders gathered to discuss ways to support the United Way of Massachusetts.

be responsible for day-to-day activities, serving both clients and guests, managing personnel and maintaining the overall structure of the hotel.

"Our target market are those business clients who need extended stay accommodations for more than three to five nights at a time," says Pereira. "And we will have an outstanding all-suite product to meet their needs."

Princeton began construction of the \$7.6-million project in July. The hotel will feature 84 studio, one- and two-bedroom suites with fully equipped kitchens, cable television and high-speed Internet access. The facility will also have an outdoor pool, fitness center, sports court, executive boardroom, meeting room and an executive business center, an on-site convenience store, laundry service, free daily newspapers and a complementary full hot breakfast every morning.

Weiner named vp of package store association

The board of directors of the Massachusetts Package Stores Association



Holiday help — **Cherise Milliken**, M.Ed., of the YWCA of Greater Lawrence, accepts holiday gifts from **Cindy Efinger** of **Cindy's Studio for Photography**, which donated the toys in a recent holiday drive. Efinger offered a discount off the customary holiday photo sitting fee for customers who donated a new toy to the children enrolled at the YWCA's child care program. Nearly 50 gifts for boys and girls of all ages were donated. The YWCA of Greater Lawrence is a United Way member agency serving more than 100 children daily in its child care programs.

elected **Benjamin Weiner** of Beven Liquors in Somerville its vice president.

Weiner most recently served as secretary/clerk and a member of the association's finance, membership, and legislation committees. He and his wife, **Beverly**, live in Andover.

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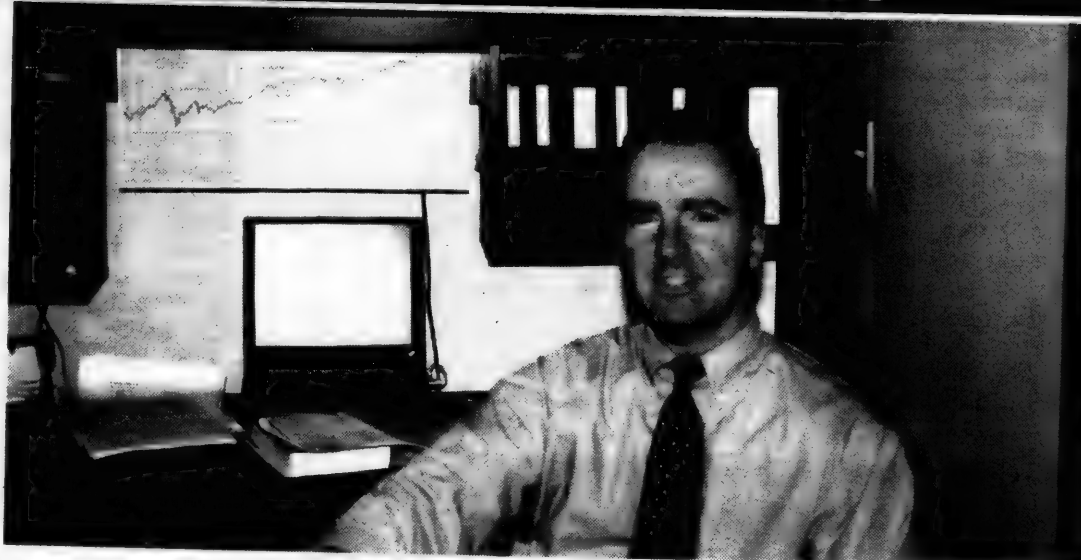
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Mr. Cox has been in the investment business since 1983, having worked at Drexel Burnham Lambert and as VP and Branch Manager at CIBC Wood Gundy and the Royal Bank of Canada's Dominion Securities. He holds a BS in Finance from UMass Lowell and an MBA from Northeastern University. Mr. Cox is an instruc-

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DECEMBER HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAYS



**Rachel Yolette
Cadet**

Rachel Yolette Cadet turned 1 year old Dec. 16. Her parents are Carlo and Tamara Cadet of Rose Glen Drive. Grandparents are Edward Jolley and Barbara Barham of West Haven and Milford, Conn., and Carlo and Rose Cadet of Palm Coast, Fla. Rachel has a sibling, Dominique, 4.



**Declan Thomas
McDermott**

Declan Thomas McDermott was born Dec. 21, 1998. He is the son of Thomas and Lisa McDermott. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John McDermott of Methuen and Bette Daly of Lawrence. His aunt, Kathy McDermott, is a teacher in the Andover school system. Declan enjoys trying to keep up with his big sister, Brianna.



**Julia Caroline
McBride**

Julia Caroline McBride celebrated her first birthday Dec. 15. She is the daughter of Claudine and Shamus McBride of Starwood Crossing. Her grandparents are Daniel and Anna Bono of Woburn and Ruth and Tony McBride of Adams. Julia loves to dance, read books and play with her dog, Max.



**Kathleen Marie
Buck**

Kathleen Marie Buck was born Dec. 31, 1998. Her parents are Dawn Nelson-Buck and Bill Buck of Lockway Road. Grandparents are Therese Buck of North Andover, Roy and Beverly Nelson of West Hartford, Conn. Kathleen will celebrate her first birthday on New Year's Eve, bringing in the millennium quietly at home with her parents.



**Maya Isabella
Marciano**

Maya Isabella Marciano was born Dec. 29, 1998. Her parents are John Marciano of Andover and Joanne Marciano of Billerica. Grandparents are Janet Riordan of Billerica and Dick and Betty Marciano of Standish, Maine. Maya loves to listen to music and dance.



**Margaret Christine
Davis**

Margaret Christine (Meg) Davis is the daughter of Tom and Besty Davis of Andover. Meg celebrated her first birthday on Dec. 21. Grandparents are Dick and Kathy Davis of Houston, Texas, and Miriam Beliveau of Southington, Conn., and the late George Beliveau. Meg loves to play with her kitty cat, read books and dance. Her favorite song is "Deep in the Heart of Texas."



**Stephen Frederick
D'Urso**

Stephen Frederick D'Urso was born Dec. 10, 1998. His parents are Charlene and Frederick J. D'Urso. Grandparents are Robert and Marlene Vezi-na of Pelham, N.H., and Stephen and Kathryn D'Urso of Andover. Stephen likes to go for walks, play with his toys, read books and take things out of mommy's dresser drawers. He also enjoys playing with his friends Coady and Megan. His favorite food is Cheerios.



**Abby Lynn and Alexandra Marie
Bakshi Scanlon**

Twins Abby Lynn and Alexandra Marie Bakshi Scanlon turned 1 year old on Dec. 17. Their parents are Leela B. and William J. Scanlon of Bradford. Grandparents are Joyce and Prabodh (Buck) Bakshi of Andover, Kathleen Scanlon, also of Andover, and Mr. and Mrs. William Scanlon of Newbury. Mary Scanlon of Andover is their great-grandmother. Abby and Alex enjoy climbing any obstacle they can find. They love listening to music and dancing with their sister, Aidan Grace, 2, and playing with their dog, Stevie. Their favorite activity is visiting their family and friends.



**Jack
Fraser**

Jack Fraser turned 1 on Dec. 19. He lives with his parents, Carol-Ann and John, and sister, Julia, 3, on Pleasant Street. Jack likes to sing, climb and mostly follow his sister around the house. He loves spending time with his cousins, grandparents, great-grandmother and his friends at Bright Horizons. Jack's sister and parents are very proud of him.



**Charlotte
Donnelly**

Charlotte Donnelly Charlotte Victoria Donnelly turned 1 on Dec. 23. She is the daughter of Jim and Melinda Donnelly. She is the granddaughter of Philip and Elizabeth Tirrell and great-granddaughter of Melinda LeBlanc of West Springfield. Charlotte keeps busy playing with her sisters and brothers, Jacqueline, Abigail, Elspeth, Emma, Philip and Samuel, and dog, Declan.



**Benjamin
Molongoski**

Benjamin James Molongoski was born Dec. 22, 1998. His parents are Michelina and Michael Molongoski of Spencerport, N.Y. Grandparents are James and Kathleen O'Day, formerly of Andover, and Michael and Carol Molongoski of Andover. He will travel to Massachusetts with his mom and dad to visit his grandparents and cousins for the holidays.

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Burns**

Katherine Grace Burns celebrated her first birthday Dec. 2. Her parents are Bob and Carla Burns. Grandparents are Bob and Claire Burns of Wilmington, Alice Lawrence of Methuen and Charles Polizzotti of Atkinson, N.H. Great-grandfather is Rossi Polizzotti of Lawrence. "Katherine has brought all of us such great joy. She loves to play with her books and she loves to do whatever her big brother, Brian, 3, is doing."



**Lea
Chisholm**

Lea Brynn Chisholm was born Dec. 2, 1998. Her parents are Don and Elise (Richardson) Chisholm of North Andover. Grandparents are Sheila Richardson of Andover, Norman Richardson of Nokomis, Fla., and Don and Marcia Chisholm of Lexington. Great-grandmother is Marion O'Brien of Andover. Lea adores her 4-year-old brother Garrett and loves all her big cousins.



**Nicole
Dlesk**

Nicole Dolores Dlesk turned 1 year old Dec. 17. Her parents are Judy and Dave Dlesk of Andover. Nicole likes to have her sisters, Katie and Jennie, and brother, DJ, chase her around the house. She also enjoys reading books, eating bananas, and playing with her dog and cat.



**William
Hanson**

William Lawlor Hanson turned 1 on Dec. 19. His parents are Christine and Chris Hanson of Boston. His grandparents are John and Patricia Recesso of Andover and Jim and Carmel Hanson of Boxford. William likes to play with all his cousins and take walks on the Charles River in Boston. He celebrated his first birthday at his home in the Back Bay surrounded by his cousins, aunts, uncles and grandparents.



**Charles
Ziegenbein Jr.**

Charles Beechner Ziegenbein Jr. celebrated his first birthday Dec. 6. Charlie is the son of Charles and Paula Ziegenbein of Merrimac. Grandparents are Dick and Barbara Collins of Andover and Peter and Winnie Davoli of Plaistow, N.H. Charlie is blessed with a great-grandmother, Frances Beechner, 93, of Lincoln, Neb. He enjoys playing with his cousins and his dog, Elwood.

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Sports

Girls basketball captures holiday tourney; Dunn propels icemen past Nashua at Tsongas Arena

By Rick Harrison

The undefeated Andover High girls basketball team chalked up its fourth Greater Lawrence Holiday Tournament championship in the last five years with victories over Salem, N.H. and North Andover earlier this week at the North Andover High Field House.

The Lady Warriors (6-0) defeated Salem, 58-47, in the semifinal round before disposing of the host Scarlet Knights in the title game last night.

The AHS boys, meanwhile, opened Greater Lawrence Holiday hoop play with a 74-58 quarterfinal round cruise past Lawrence High.

On the ice, senior Capt. Brad Dunn scored his first two goals of the season to snap a 1-1 tie and propel Andover past Nashua, N.H., 4-1, in the inaugural Lowell Christmas Festival at the spacious 6,496-seat Tsongas Arena.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Andover continued its impressive early-season run with the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament wins over Salem, N.H. and North Andover, marking one of the few times the Lady Warriors did not have to go through Methuen to capture the championship trophy.

The Rangers were brushed aside by North Andover in the semifinals.

Schedule

The next MVC regular season

game is next Tuesday night against Lawrence at the Dunn Gym.

Scoring Leaders

After five games Lindsey Pearson led the way with 69 points, Jenny Muller had 68 and Lisa Tisbert 62.

**Gr. Lawrence
Christmas Tournament
Semifinal
Andover 58
Salem, N.H. 47**

The Lady Warriors weathered a torrent of whistles as 40 personal fouls were called on the two teams. There were 65 free throws taken and 41 made.

"It was impossible to get any kind of rhythm or flow going," said coach Tildsley. "I don't think we got up and down the court one time without a stoppage of play. The fouls slowed everything down."

"It took something away from what could have been an exciting game between two good teams in front of a big crowd."

"We play aggressive defense — but we were forced to go to a zone because one of our players fouled out and four others were saddled with four fouls when the game ended."

"Salem hung in there. They're the best team we faced so far this year," added Tildsley.

The Lady Warriors led 34-23 at the half, and the lead was never in serious jeopardy in the final 16 minutes when both teams scored 24 points.

Lindsey Pearson was Andover's Game MVP after producing 15 points,

eight rebounds, five assists and two steals.

Jenny Muller was team-high scorer with 17 points, including 10 from the charity stripe, and flu-ridden Lisa Tisbert still managed 10 points, four steals and three assists.

"Lisa didn't practice the day before the game but she 'toughed it out' tonight," said Tildsley. "Our top eight kids all played well."

Shannon Sweeney added eight points and a team-high 10 rebounds, Michelle Danis netted six points, and single free throws were notched by Megan Pinksten and Stephanie Fish.

Becky Valenti, headed to St. Bonaventure on a full basketball scholarship, was game-high for Salem (3-1 record) with 20 points.

Andover hit 17-of-25 free throws and the Blue Devils converted 24-of-40 at the line.

HOCKEY

After the Golden Warriors got it Dunn against Nashua, their record stood at 2-2 overall heading into a second Christmas Festival game yesterday against Beverly.

Andover is now off until next Wednesday when it will be a Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division 2 game at Haverhill (7 p.m.).

**Andover 4
Nashua, N.H. 1**

Junior center Jon Ofria gave the locals a 1-0 first-period lead with a goal only 2:05 into the game.

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Mike Giles: Ivy Leaguer

Mike Giles, a senior All-Conference half-back on the Andover High football team, is going to be an Ivy Leaguer next year.

Giles, who led the Golden Warriors in scoring (84 points) and rushing (632 yards) this past fall, was recruited for football and will attend Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H.

Giles, actively recruited by about 20 schools, gained early acceptance to Dartmouth and chose the Big Green over such other notables as Harvard and Holy Cross.

The three-year starter for head coach Ken Maglio at AHS was named All-Conference twice, last year as a defensive back and this season as a running back.

His 84 points were the most scored by an Andover player in several years.

Giles is also a sprinter on the indoor and outdoor track teams at Andover.

Giles received the football team's Richard Collins Most Valuable Player Award at the 1999 season-ending team banquet at the Ramada Rolling Green recently.

Other awards presented at the banquet were:

Four Stables Outstanding Back Award: Chris Rogers.

Richard Bourdelais Outstanding End Award: Patrick Murnane.

John Curtin Sportsmanship Award: Mike Burnett.

William Walsh Outstanding Lineman Award: Sam Dadd.

Commitment Award: Chris King.

Most Dedicated Player: Mike Zizzo.

Offensive Coaches Award: Charles Murnane.

Defensive Coaches Award: Sean Lawton.

Unsung Hero Award: Luis Santiago.

Guest speakers and presenters at the banquet were Dick Collins, Barry Feingold, Ken Sawaya and Tom Curtin.



Andover residents led the Brooks School varsity soccer team to the New England Prep School Class B finals in 1999. From left are Kate Lombard, Rachel Koffman, Kaylan Tildsley, Megan Russell, Co-capt. Courtney Sullivan, Co-capt. Jessica Ostrowski, Kerry Nugent, Allison Caffrey, Brittany Lonero.

Winter sports preview

By Rick Harrison

The *Townsmen* continues to preview 1999-2000 Andover High varsity winter sports teams today with girls gymnastics and boys gymnastics.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

After many years of coming close — this may be the winter the Andover High girls gymnastics team wins it all.

Bidding to join the AHS girls swim and dive team as a state champion, the imposing Lady Warriors boast a 32-athlete roster overflowing with both individual talent and depth.

"This should be our year," stated head coach Julie Chapman, whose team went 7-2 in dual meets last season, placed third in

the North Sectionals and sixth at the All-State Meet.

"We've been so close so many times — but I can't see anyone topping us this year. I know that's putting pressure on our kids — but I know they can do it if they want it (state title)."

"I don't think they know how good they really are," continued coach Chapman. "But once the season starts they're going to step back and recognize the possibilities."

Chapman does not dismiss the notion that Andover might even hit the coveted 140-point plateau in a meet this season.

"I don't see us going 7-2 this year, or finishing third in the Sectionals and sixth in the All-States. We don't have a weak

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Ice men pass Nashua; boys basketball triumph over Lawrence in quarters

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Andy Ryan's pass created a partial breakaway which Ofria finished off by lifting a shot to the short side over Nashua starting goalie Rick DeFelice's right shoulder.

The Purple Panthers (2-2), a New Hampshire Division 1 team, tied it at 3:28 of the second session on a power play goal by Jared Rose.

That set the stage for Brad Dunn, who connected twice at 11:52 and 14:27 of the middle period to make it 3-1.

"Both of Brad's goals came on almost identical hustle plays," said AHS head coach Bill Cullen. "Both were on rebounds from just outside the crease area."

Junior left wing Dennis Moran collected assists on both, while junior defenseman Brendan Gleason and Ryan had the other setups.

Sophomore blueliner Tim LeGrow finished the scoring at 3:49 of the final stanza, taking a pass from Gleason and blasting home a blazer from the point.

"Our kids responded much better in this game than they had against Boston Latin," said Cullen. "Nashua was impressive. They showed a lot of spirit and determination."

Chris Salini played all but the closing seconds in the Andover net and finished with 15 saves. Junior Brendan Gatlin took his turn on the Tsongas ice and mopped up in goal for the winners.

Andover finished with a 24-16 shots-on-goal edge, as Panthers' goalies Rick DeFelice and Chris Toomey combined for 20 stops.

Boston Latin 7 Andover 0

The undefeated Wolfpack (4-0) had too much firepower for the locals in this Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division 2 game at Matthews Arena in Boston.

Latin broke the game open with four goals in the second period. Leading the attack were Nick Collins and Brian Carthas with two goals each, while Rick Belmonte passed out four assists.

AHS goaltender Chris Salini played well, facing 46 shots and making 39 saves.

Also playing well for the Golden Warriors were sophomore defenseman Tim LeGrow and much-traveled junior blueliner John Ronan.

Ronan started the season by moving from defense to forward when Jason Swift suffered his serious injury in the pre-season scrimmage against Bishop Guertin.

He moved back to the blue line for this game after Andover lost another key player — junior defenseman Mike Anderson who is sidelined indefinitely because of illness.

Coach Cullen was impressed with defending MV/DCL Division 2 champ Latin.

"They are a far superior team. They have a lot of key players back from last year and their offense is as good as I've seen at this level in a long time."

BOYS BASKETBALL

Veteran point-guard Paul Belacqua, who doesn't have to score to be valuable to the Golden Warriors, produced some unexpected offense to help power the locals to their 74-58 Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament quarter-final round triumph over Lawrence High.

Doing the bulk of his damage in the second half, when AHS broke open a four-point game by outscoring the Lancers 39-27, Belacqua finished with a season- and career-high 16 points which doubled his entire output from the first four games.

Bellacqua had 14 points after the break and scored most of his hoops on drives.

Tom McLaughlin, getting a jump-start on his run to 2,000 career points, led all marksmen once again with 34 points evenly distributed between the two halves.

Brad Stubenhaus was the third Andover sharpshooter in double digits with 14 points, to go with a team-high nine rebounds and four steals.

Bellacqua also had five assists and rounding out the attack were junior guard Kevin Shepard with eight points and Pat Murnane two.

Scrappy Lawrence, which trailed only 35-31 at the half, featured a balanced attack led by Wilkins Victor with 11 points, Linares Nunez 10 and Ovalixto Sanchez 10.

Andover shot better than 50 percent from the floor and hit 12-of-16 free throws.

The next MVC regular season game is Jan. 4 at Lawrence (7:30 p.m.)

Winter sports preview

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event and it's exciting just thinking about what could happen between now and March."

The one variable is injuries. "We have to stay healthy," concedes Chapman.

This is Chapman's 10th year as head coach and 12th season overall with the Andover program.

In addition to an impressive dual-meet record over the past decade, Andover has won six league titles, placed second in the North Sectionals several times and as high as third in the All-State Meet no less than three times.

"That's why winning it all this year — for the first time — would be so special," said Chapman. "You need a couple of kids who can scores 9's across the board in all four events to win the state title — and this year we have them."

That elite pair would be sophomore all-arounders Becky Hass and Kristen Elsmore.

As a freshman last year, Hass placed sixth on balance beam and eighth in the all-around competition at the State Individual Championships.

She was also the Merrimack Valley Conference vault champion, placed third in floor exercise, fourth on beam and second all-around at the League Meet.

Elsmore, a top diver on Andover's state

championship girls swim team, is another elite level gymnast who also competes for the Danvers Yellow Jackets club team.

"We have to cut some vaults from Kristen's routine because they're too sophisticated for high school," said Chapman. "She's doing some Olympic-level vaults that aren't allowed in high school competition."

The Lady Warriors graduated only four gymnasts from last year's team but all of them — Kerri Krivelow, Lindsey Rudolph, Kate Gerry and Laurie Willey — will be missed.

Chapman and fifth-year assistant coach Mia Kearins, a former AHS and UMass-Amherst gymnast, greeted 39 candidates at the first workout and kept 32 on the roster.

The lone returning senior is Capt. Krit Kearins, an all-around who scored in the vaulting competition at the MVC Championship Meet last February.

Veteran juniors are Kaitlin Doyle (all-around), Gretchen Fuhr (beam, vault, floor), Capt. Maureen Lothrop (vault, floor), Katie McKain (beam, floor, vault) and Beth Upton (vault, beam).

In addition to Hass, sophomore returnees are Jackie Barry (beam), Tristina Carlson (beam, vault, floor), Bahaar Massihzadegan (all-around), Jenna Nelson (floor), Mary Palumbo (floor, vault), Carolyn Purcell

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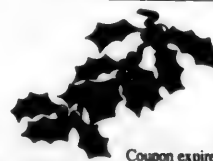
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Winter sports preview: boys gym team largest in state

(vault, floor), Meri Rawlinson (vault, floor), Diana Vining (vault, floor) and Elysia Yet (vault, floor).

In addition to Elmore, non-freshman newcomers are senior Amy Garvin (beam, vault) and junior Renee Fung (bars, vault, floor).

Completing the 1999-2000 team are 13 freshmen.

This list of sparkling prospects includes Heather Barry (beam), Sheri Bernstein (all-around), Katie Cail (all-around), Grace Farnham (beam, floor), Angela Fohlin (vault), Rachel Goldman (floor), Gabriela Grosser (vault), Courtney Hale (beam, vault), Alia Vasconcellos-Hastings (vault), Jamie Huston (beam, vault), Abby McKain (beam, floor), Amy Palmieri (beam, vault) and Lisa Valleria (bars, floor).

"Katie Cail, Sheri Bernstein and Renee Fung are not quite as spectacular as Hass and Elmore, but they're extremely talented and fun to watch perform," said Chapman.

"The tough part will be trying to keep everyone involved and happy."

The Lady Warriors open the season next week with a pair of away meets, Tuesday night at Billerica (7 p.m.) and Thursday night at Wilmington (7 p.m.).

The first home dual at the Dunn Gym is Jan. 10 against Chelmsford (7 p.m.).

Every dual meet this season is at night which will give more people, particularly parents who work during the day, an opportunity to attend.

MVC teams most likely to be battling for second place include Methuen, North Andover and Masconomet Regional of Topsfield.

Last year Methuen and North Andover squeezed out very close wins over Andover, while the Lady Warriors beat Masco by 1/10th of a point.

Andover will also host the Merrimack Valley Conference Championship Meet, for the first time since 1995, on Saturday evening, Feb. 5 beginning at 5 p.m.

"We're excited about that as well," said coach Chapman. "I love hosting it and I was finally

able to talk (athletic director Jim Hurley) into doing it again."

Andover girls gymnastics is 83-13 in dual meets since 1989, including 40-3 in its last 43 meets and 62-5 in its last 67.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

The Andover High boys gymnastics team once again is among the largest in the state with 25 athletes on the roster.

The Golden Warriors, who open the season next Tuesday with a non-league inter-state dual meet at Salem, N.H. (4 p.m.), have nine veterans and 16 newcomers who are hoping to improve on last winter's 1-6 dual-meet record which included a North Shore League victory over Newton South.

"The kids showed promise in a practice meet at Burlington," said co-head coach Jack Gleason. "We had some good scores from several of the newer kids."

"As always we are dealing with kids who do gymnastics once a year — during the high school season — and some who are trying the sport for the first time."

Graduates from last year's team include Steve Arsenault, Jared Feinberg, Matt Drizen, Phil Chan, Ken Wong, Rich Sullivan, Nate Pelletier, Matt Herling and Chris Paige.

Returning senior gymnasts (and their top events) are Jon Gagne (parallel bars, rings), Dave Krasik (vault) and Phil Collins (parallel bars).

Junior veterans are Shahriar Ghandchi (vault), Pat Jelson (all-around), Matt Jones (all-around), Nick Pelletier (side horse) and On Tsang (floor exercise, high bar).

Mike Morrissey (high bar) is the lone returning sophomore.

Bryan Okamoto (parallel bars) is a senior newcomer, while junior first-year gymnasts are Ross Inman (floor), Dan Nolan (floor, high bar), Vern Trageser (still rings), Seth Krenchel (side horse), Meng Guo (high bar) and Aaron Hwang (high bar).

Sophomore first-timers are Todd Putnam (floor, vault), Rob Ginsberg (side horse), Mike Zammuto (floor) and T.J. Sico (floor).

Freshman prospects include Dan Booth (floor, rings), Andy Nardone (side horse), Dan Jaffe (parallel bars), Dave Fielding (rings) and Nate Adams (rings).

Among the newcomers who scored well in the practice meet were Putnam with a 5.5 in floor, Inman a 5.0 in floor and Okamoto a 4.0 on parallel bars.

Nolan is currently sidelined with a sprained ankle and is expected to be cleared for competition in about two weeks.

Coach Gleason, who shares the title with Steve Sirois, expects defending state champ Newton North and Braintree to be the teams to beat this year.

"Both have a few club gymnasts and that makes a difference," he noted.

Rounding out the members of the seven-school North Shore League are Newton South, Attleboro, Burlington and Revere.

Gleason launches his 17th season at Andover and his 34th year as a coach and/or judge of gymnastics. His other coaching stints were at Newton North, Arlington and Winthrop High.

Sirois has been involved with the Andover gymnastics program for 20 years and this is the fifth season the pair have been co-head coaches at AHS.

Six ACBL teams enter break undefeated

Three Senior Boys Division and three Senior Girls Division teams hit the school vacation break undefeated in Andover Church Basketball League play at the Andover High Field House.

On the boys side, St. Robert's A and St. Robert's B stand 3-0 and St. Augustine A is 2-0.

For the girls, St. Augustine A and St. Augustine B are both 3-0 and St. Robert's A 2-0.

Play resumes Saturday, Jan. 8 with a full slate of games in both divisions.

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St. Augustine B 18

Lutheran center Jake Kleinman was too much for SAB, tossing in 19 points to personally outscore the opposing team.

Andrew Hempstead added 8 points for the winners, who squared their record (1-1), while Johnny Fox had 6 points, Kevin Aufiero 4 and Fletch Irby 4. First-half baskets by David Gardner and Brian McPartland completed the attack.

Scott Mancinelli paced St. Augustine with 6 points, Brad Whiting netted 4 and single baskets were scored by Stephen Deering, Jonathan Hosmer, Joe Rusckowski and Mark Swoboda.

St. Robert's A 42

St. Augustine C 10

Guard Doug Powers scored 13 of his game-high 17 points in the first half as undefeated division co-leader SRA (3-0) rolled to a 27-6 lead.

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ACBL: St. Robert's B defeats South, 45-34

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Steve Russell contributed 8 points while Tim Bengston, Nick Halks and Jarrett Mackin had 4 each.

Rounding out the offense were brothers Matt and Steve Renfro with 3 and 2 points respectively.

Tossing in a field goal apiece for SAC were Brian Coffey, Ryan Donahue, Matt Fabiani, Alex Tzavalas and Doug Washington.

St. Robert's B 45
South 34

Both teams entered the game undefeated, and it wasn't until Jonathan DeLeo got hot in the second half that division co-leader SRB (3-0) was able to pull away.

DeLeo did the bulk of his damage from the outside, scoring 12 of his game-high 19 points in the second half, while Tim Hughes worked the inside and also hit double digits with 12 points.

Jimmy Muller, Tom White and Matt Wolfman pocketed 4 points each and Lou Paracchi had a basket for the winners.

For South (2-1), which trailed only 22-20 at the break, Ryan Durkin notched 9 points, Mike Gibson 8, Brent Hyde 7, Alex Foley 4, Joel Keefe 4 and Pardeep Thandi 2.

Ballardvale United 16

St. Augustine D 13

Matt Malloy and Josh Burke had key second-half baskets as United snapped a 10-10 tie and posted its first victory.

Alex Dezieck was the top scorer with 5 points for BU, Burke added 4, Malloy 3, Phil Lucas 2 and

Neil McCarthy 2.

Mark Thompson was game-high for St. Augustine with 8 points. Alex Navarro and Colin Sullivan added a basket each and Alex Marsh a free throw.

Ballardvale held a pivotal 4-1 scoring edge from the free throw line.

St. Augustine A 34

Ballardvale United 28

SAA turned on the jets in the late going as Ryan Shepard, who finished with 17 points, and Paul Tassinari (7 points) led the way.

Mitch Turow had 6 points, Ben Baldwin 2 and David Musto 2.

Josh Burke and Alex Dezieck shared team-high honors with 8 points each for United. Matt Hogan and Gary Lubber contributed 4 each, Anthony Camilo 2 and Matt Malloy 2.

SAA won it at the free throw line, where Shepard was 9-for-12 and the team finished 10-for-14. Ballardvale had a 14-12 edge in field goals but went 0-for-4 at the charity stripe.

ACBL standings

Senior Boys

	W	L	PF	PA
St. Robert's A	3	0	135	65
St. Robert's B	3	0	134	82
St. Augustine A	2	0	58	37
South	2	1	108	95
Faith Lutheran	1	1	82	67
Ballardvale United	1	2	65	88
St. Augustine C	0	2	19	66

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Michael Shannon earns fifth letter

Michael T. Shannon II of Andover was selected to the honorable mention team in football by the Independent School League. The honor student is a 6 foot, 4 inch, 270-lb., sophomore offensive tackle at Belmont Hill School in Belmont. Belmont finished its season 8-0 and was champion of the Independent School League for the third year in a row.

With the completion of the football season, Shannon earned his fifth varsity letter. He is the school's heavy weight wrestler and placed fifth in the Independent School League Wrestling Championship in March. In May he was a finalist in the ISL and New England Prep School Track and Field Championships where he competed in the discus and shot put.



Andover's Michael Shannon earned his fifth varsity letter at Belmont Hill School.

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St. Augustine D	0	3	73	102
St. Augustine B	0	3	53	125

SENIOR GIRLS

Week 3

St. Augustine A 25

St. Robert's B 16

SAA center Libby Mulligan was the difference, scoring 12 points as the winners remained undefeated and tied for first (3-0).

Sarah Wooten added 5 points, Meghan Keefe 4, Michelle Pirro 2 and Alison Caverly 2 for St. Augustine.

Lauren Vieira countered with 6 points for SRB while Jocelyn Gerety scored 4, Jennifer Nisco 4 and Brittany Wadbrook 2.

St. Augustine B 30

West Parish 16

Colleen Haugh's inside presence dominated the game as SAB remained perfect (3-0) and West Parish lost for the first time.

Haugh finished with 16 points, matching WP's total, while contributing 4 each were Catherine Charlebois, Samantha Paskal and Kerry Haugh. Kelsey Farrell also had a field goal.

Allison Nill and Kayla Parker paced West with 6 points each, Jacqui Herling had 2 and Meredith Peck 2.

St. Robert's A 35

St. Robert's C 10

Elizabeth Dwulet pocketed 12 points and Corrine Welsh 10 as SRA rolled to victory against its intra-church rival.

Annamarie Baraby had 7 points, Courtney Dynes 4 and Maggie Murphy 2 to complete the assault.

For SRC, playing without top scorer Jaime Gilbert, Danielle Perry and Kara McCall paced the offense with 6 and 4 points respectively.

Week 2

West Parish 17

St. Robert's B 0

Allison Nill tossed in 7 points to lead West Parish (1-0) to the easy victory in its season opener.

Contributing a basket each were Kayla Parker, Leslie Peck, Meredith Peck, Angela Tenney and Leslie Willey.

Playing well for SRB, which was minus three of its point producers (Jen Nisco, Lauren Vieira and Brittany Wadbrook), were Meredith Mooney, Kristin Couture and Alyssa Traub.

St. Augustine B 34

St. Robert's C 30

The victors withstood a 26-point explosion by SRC's Jaime Gilbert, using a 22-16 second-half scoring edge to register the come-from-behind win.

Brigga Heelen scored all 10 of her points in the second half for St. Augustine B (2-0), while Colleen Haugh finished with 8 points. Jeanne Lothrop, Lauren Barber and Catherine Charlebois added 4 points each, Kelsey Farrell 2 and Samantha Paskal 2.

Kara McCall and Danielle Perry added a first-half field goal each for St. Robert's C.

St. Augustine A 22

South 20 (ot)

Tara Mohan's basket produced the only points of the two-minute overtime period as SAA (2-0) pulled out the nip-and-tuck win.

The points were the first of the game for Mohan, while Libby Mulligan scored 8, Lauren Goglia 6, Sarah Wooten 4 and Libby Fortier 2.



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A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of DR. DAVID SAMUELS, 11 Chestnut Street, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section IV.A.4b. and IV.A.4c. of the Zoning By-Law to allow the change of use and renovation of an existing building in the Mixed Use District which will not meet the requirements for off-street parking under Section IV.A.4.

Premises affected are located at 2 STEVENS STREET, Andover, Ma. in a Mixed Use District and is shown on Assessor's Map 54 as Lot 11.

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December 23 & 30, 1999

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of SANDRA & JOSEPH BLINN, 90 Haverhill Street, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section V.A. of the Zoning By-Law and/or a special permit under Section VII.A.1 of the Zoning By-Law to allow the reconstruction of an existing porch, which will not meet the dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 90 HAVERHILL STREET, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence A District and is shown on Assessor's Map 18 as Lot 100.

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Premises affected are located at 500 MINUTEMAN ROAD AND VACANT LAND WITH FRONTAGE ON 1776 Drive a/k/a MINUTEMAN DRIVE, Andover, Ma. in an Industrial D district and is shown on Assessor's Map 165 as Lot 4.

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A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of CHERYL R. FOSTER, 2 Abbot Bridge Drive, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section V.A. of the Zoning By-Law and/or a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 of the Zoning By-Law to allow the construction of a deck that will not meet the dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 141 CHESTNUT STREET, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence A District and is shown on Assessor's Map 22 as Lot 92.

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A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of WOOD AYER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP and NORTHPOINT REALTY TRUST, 733 Turnpike Street, Suite 158, No. Andover, Ma. 01845 for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section VI.I. and/or VI.I.3.a. of the Zoning By-Law and as a party aggrieved for a

review of decision made by the Building Inspector to allow the construction of a residential multi-unit building that does not meet the requirements of the By-Law.

Premises affected are located at 1 STEVENS STREET, 188-198 NORTH MAIN STREET, and 204-210 NORTH MAIN STREET, Andover, Ma. in a Mixed Use District and is shown on Assessor's Map 37 as Lots 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 & 31.

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A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of 500 MINUTEMAN LTD. PARTNERSHIP, c/o Brickstone Properties, 200 Brickstone Square, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section V.A. of the Zoning By-Law and for a special permit under Section IV.B.20 of the Zoning By-Law to allow the construction and operation of a Hotel, which will not meet the dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 500 MINUTEMAN ROAD AND VACANT LAND WITH FRONTAGE ON 1776 Drive a/k/a MINUTEMAN DRIVE, Andover, Ma. in an Industrial D district and is shown on Assessor's Map 165 as Lot 4.

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NOTICE OF AN INITIAL SITE INVESTIGATION AND TIER II CLASSIFICATION

7 Tantallon Road, Andover

DEP Site #3-17622

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.0480), an Initial Site Investigation has been performed at the above referenced location. A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location which is a disposal site (defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, Section 2). This site has been classified as a Tier II site, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. Response actions at this site will be conducted by Shawsheen Village Center Partnership, who has employed Denis D'Amore to manage response actions in accordance with the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.000).

M.G.L. c. 21E and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan provide additional opportunities for public notice of and involvement in decisions regarding response actions at disposal sites: 1) The Chief Municipal Official and Board of Health of the community in which the site is located will be notified of major milestones and events, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1403; and 2) Upon receipt of a petition from ten or more residents of the municipality in which the disposal site is located, or of a municipality potentially affected by a disposal site, a plan for involving the public in decisions regarding response actions at the site will be prepared and implemented, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1405.

To obtain more information on this disposal site and the opportunities for public involvement during its remediation, please contact Denis D'Amore, Licensed Site Professional, D'Amore Associates Inc., 148 Ponakin Road, Lancaster, MA 01523, at 978-368-1802.

December 30, 1999

TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held by the Trustees of Spring Grove Cemetery on Wednesday, January 12th, 2000 to discuss Proposed Revision to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations. The Hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room, at the Andover Town offices at 36 Bartlet Street.

Reginald S. Stapczynski
Town Manager
December 30, 1999 &
January 6, 2000

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of ESA MANAGEMENT, Inc., c/o Bohler Engineering, P.C., 352 Turnpike Road, Suite 015, Southborough, Ma. 01772 for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section IV.B.21 of the Zoning By-Law to allow customer parking associated with the operation of a future Hotel located in the Town of Tewksbury, and for special permits under Sections IV.B.43 and IV.B.50B. of the Zoning By-Law to allow the placement of a trash enclosure and a satellite dish on the premises in Andover.

Premises affected are VACANT LAND WITH FRONTAGE ON ANDOVER STREET (Lowell) in Tewksbury, Ma. and is shown on Assessor's Map 221 as Lots 1 & IB.

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BOARD OF APPEALS
December 23 & 30, 1999

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A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of BEN ISAACS, 31 Andover Country Club Lane, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section V.A. of the Zoning By-Law to allow the construction of a deck with attached stairs which will not meet the dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 31 ANDOVER COUNTRY CLUB LANE, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence B District and is shown on Assessor's Map 70 as Lot 97J.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
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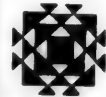
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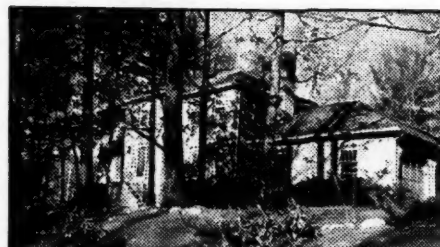
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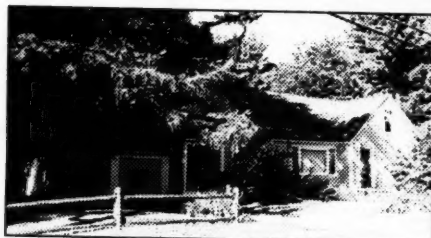
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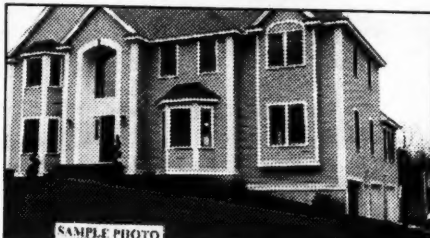
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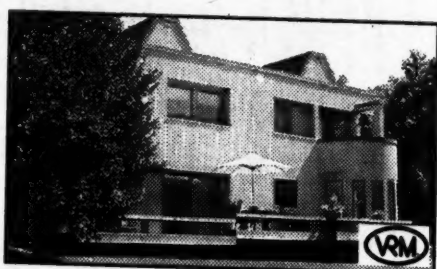
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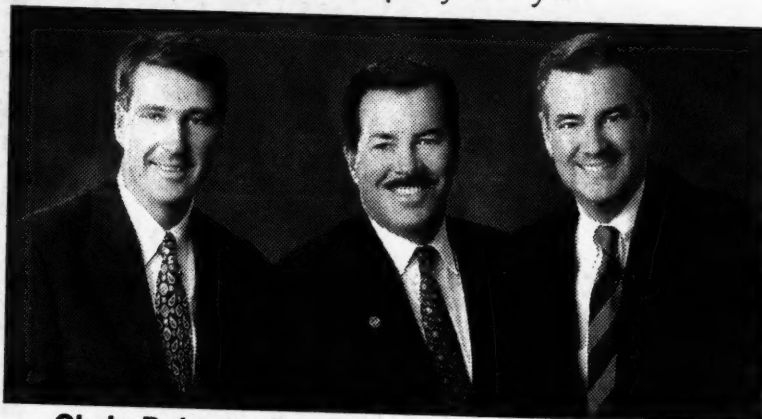
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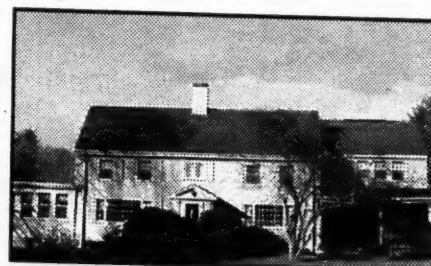


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